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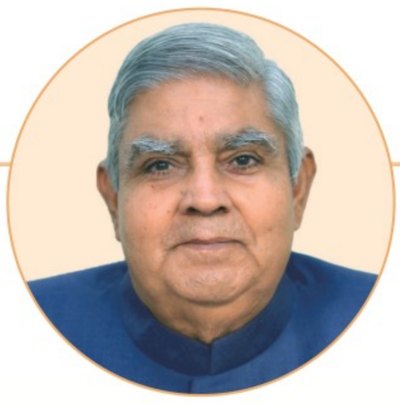

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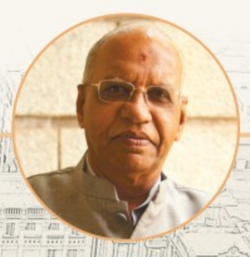

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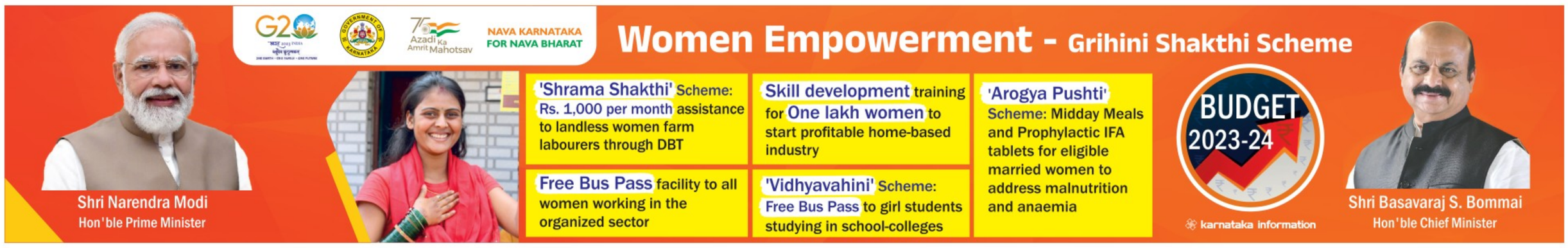
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Hon'ble Prime Minister
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'Arogya Pushti' Scheme: Midday Meals and Prophylactic IFA tablets for eligible married women to address malnutrition and anaemia
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Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

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Strike call: Talks between govt., union remain inconclusive

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Parleys between Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and office-bearers of Karnataka State Government Employees Association late on Tuesday night to avert the proposed indefinite strike that could severely affect essential services remained inconclusive. While the fate of strike was hanging in balance, association president C.S. Shadakshari acknowledged that the government had responded to their demands positively, and that the decision on the strike would be taken after a meeting with the office-bearers.

The office-bearers' meeting, where the representatives who met the CM would in detail discuss the developments, started around midnight.

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Q3 GDP growth slows to 4.4%, past data upgraded

The NSO also estimated 2022-23 gross domestic product expansion at 7%, compared with an upwardly revised growth of 9.1% in 2021-22; manufacturing continued to shrink, at a slower pace

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India's GDP growth slowed to 4.4% in the October-December 2022 quarter, from 6.3% in the second quarter (Q2) of 2022-23 as per the National Statistical Office (NSO), which retained its full-year growth estimate for the economy at 7%, despite revising the preceding fiscal's GDP growth figure 40 basis points higher to 9.1%.

The NSO also revised the GDP contraction numbers for the COVID-hit year of 2020-21, pegging the overall hit to the economy that year at -5.7% as per Second Revised Estimates, significantly narrower than its first provisional estimate of a 7.3% contraction.

The Gross Value Added (GVA) in the economy grew 4.6% in the third quarter (Q3) of 2022-23, slower than 5.5% in Q2.

Manufacturing continued to shrink for the second quarter, albeit at a slower pace of 1.1% compared with Q2's 3.6% contraction.

Negative surprise

Economists termed the manufacturing sector's persistent slack a negative surprise that brought Q3 growth levels lower than their projections. Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran, however, asserted that the 4.4% GDP growth print is "also because of the revisions made to the previous years when the base has gone up".

"The growth momentum has carried... it is the base effect that has given us a 4.4% [rate]. Since the data is not seasonally adjusted, quarter-on-quarter growth trends should be interpreted with care," he averred, adding that the economy's momentum seemed strong and stable and "there is nothing to suggest that we won't be able to get" to 7% real GDP growth in 2022-23.

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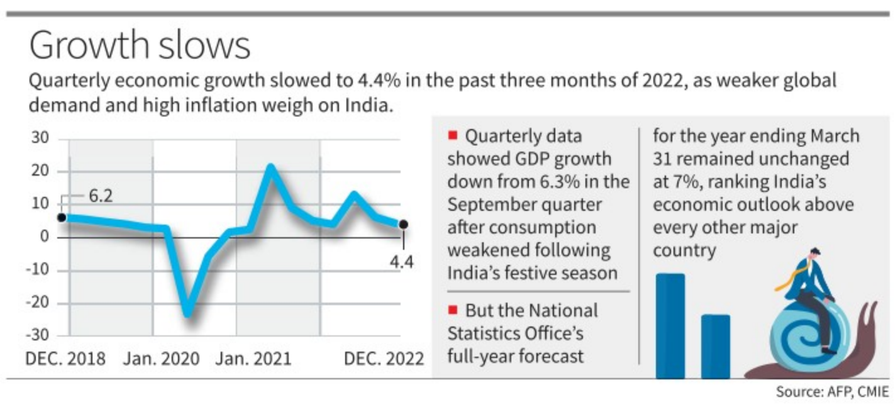
Growth slows
Quarterly economic growth slowed to 4.4% in the past three months of 2022, as weaker global demand and high inflation weigh on India.
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Quarterly data showed GDP growth down from 6.3% in the September quarter after consumption weakened following India's festive season
But the National Statistics Office's full-year forecast
for the year ending March 31 remained unchanged at 7%, ranking India's economic outlook above every other major country
Source: AFP, CMIE

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Safety clearance for K.R. Puram to Whitefield metro

BENGALURU
People living in East Bengaluru and working in Whitefield have reason to cheer. On Tuesday, BMRCL received safety clearance from the Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety to start commercial operations between K.R. Puram and Whitefield. » PAGE 3

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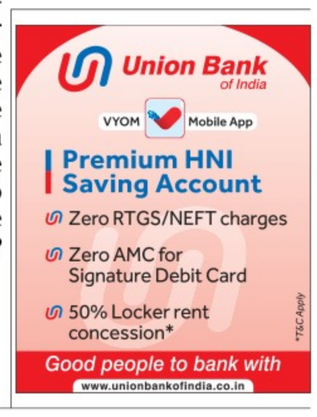

Governors, CMs must have a mature dialogue, says SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday urged constitutional functionaries to show "mature statesmanship" and not vie with one another in a "race to the bottom" after a war of words between Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and Governor Banwarilal Purohit led to an impasse over convening the Budget Session of the Assembly.

Though the Governor informed the court that the session would be held as scheduled on Friday, a Bench of Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud and P.S. Narasimha highlighted how rancour and mutual accusations between Governors and Chief Ministers tend to put constitutional values in jeopardy.

> Political differences in a democratic polity are acceptable and have to be worked out with a sense of sobriety and maturity without allowing the discourse to degenerate into a race to the bottom
>
> SUPREME COURT

"While the court is cognisant of the importance of free speech and expression, it is necessary to emphasise that dialogue between constitutional functionaries has to be conducted with a sense of decorum and mature statesmanship," it said.

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Arrested AAP leaders Jain, Sisodia quit Delhi Cabinet

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

About an hour after the Supreme Court refused to intervene in a petition filed on Tuesday by Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi Manish Sisodia, challenging his arrest in the Delhi excise policy case, the Aam Aadmi Party announced that Mr. Sisodia and Satyendar Jain have resigned as Delhi Cabinet Ministers.

Mr. Jain, arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in May last year in an alleged money laundering case, is lodged in Tihar Jail.

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China sending FM to India for G-20 meeting; first high-profile visit in a year

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China on Tuesday announced the visit of its Foreign Minister Qin Gang to India for this week's G-20 meeting, the first such high-level visit from the country in almost one year.

Mr. Qin, at the invitation of India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, will attend the G-20 Foreign Ministers' meeting in New Delhi on March 2, a statement from China's Foreign Ministry said.

"In a world fraught with uncertainties and struggling to reboot the economy, countries have much to do to overcome the challenges to deliver on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said. "As the premier forum for international cooperation, it is important that the G20 focuses on challenges on the global economy and development, and plays a bigger role in driving the global economic recovery and global development. China stands ready to work with all parties to ensure that the G20 Foreign Ministers' meeting will send a positive signal on multilateralism, food and energy security and development cooperation."

Qin Gang

While the focus of Mr. Qin's visit is the G-20 meet, it also marks the first high-level visit from China to India since March 2022.

Last week also saw the first visit by a top Indian official to China in more than three years. Joint Secretary (East Asia) in the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Shilpak Ambule held talks in Beijing with senior Chinese border officials and also met with Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Hua Chunying.

The 26th meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) in Beijing marked the first such talks held in-person since July 2019. Bilateral exchanges have been stalled since early 2020. Ties between the neighbours have also been plunged into tensions following China's mobilisation of troops and multiple transgressions across the Line of Actual Control starting in April 2020.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

610 The number of lions and leopards that died in Gujarat over the last two years. Among them, 140 deaths were due to unnatural causes, such as getting hit by vehicles or falling into open wells. Also, 123 of the 240 lions who died were cubs. As per the last Census conducted in June 2020, Gujarat is home to 674 Asiatic lions. The state is the world's last abode of Asiatic lions. PTI

18.4 In lakh, the number of unemployed candidates registered with the Department of Skill, Employment and Entrepreneurship of the Rajasthan government. Rajasthan Minister Ashok Chandna said 6.22 lakh candidates have benefited till February 21, 2023, under the scheme, of which 1.9 lakh eligible candidates, including 1.07 lakh men and 83,442 women have unemployment allowance. PTI

65 In percentage, the increase in criminal cases in Odisha between 2018 and 2022, the State assembly was informed. While 1.07 lakh criminal cases were registered in 2018, the figure was 1.78 lakh in 2022, according to the Minister of State for Home T. K. Behera. During this period a maximum of 1,470 murder cases were filed in 2020, while a maximum of 3,327 rape cases were recorded in 2021. PTI

8 In lakh, the number of small SUVs that Nissan is recalling in the U.S. and Canada because of a key problem that can cause the ignition to shut off while they're being driven. In these SUVs, if the driver touches the fob when the key is partially folded, the engine would inadvertently turn off. This can cause a loss of engine power as well as a loss of the power brakes. It can also cause air bags to not inflate in a crash. AP

6.16 In percentage, the retail inflation for industrial workers in January rising from 5.50% in December, mainly due to an increase in prices of certain food items, according to the Labour Ministry. The All-India CPI-IW (Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers) for January increased by 0.5 points to 132.8 points compared to December 2022. PTI

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On regulating online sale of drugs in India

Why is the All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists threatening a country-wide agitation against e-pharmacies? How have online drug delivery stores taken up a large share of the market? Will the Ministry of Health ban e-pharmacies?

EXPLAINER

Maitri Porecha

The story so far:

In early February, the Ministry of Health pulled up at least twenty companies including Tata-1mg, Flipkart, Apollo, PharmEasy, Amazon and Reliance Netmeds, by issuing them a showcause notice, for selling medicines online. This happened after the All India Organisation of Chemists and Druggists (AIOCD), a powerful lobby of over 12 lakh pharmacists, threatened to launch a country-wide agitation if the government didn't act. Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya in close door meetings with senior officials of the Ministry has made clear the pitfalls of selling medicines virtually. The Minister went so far as to say that e-pharmacies should be closed down.

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Is banning e-pharmacies a viable option?

The Ministry of Health has adopted a 'blow hot blow cold' approach towards online pharmacies. The acute need for door step delivery of drugs was felt during COVID-19. The year of 2020 marked a watershed moment for the growth of e-pharmacies as the Ministry of Home Affairs issued orders for them to continue to operate. It saw nearly 8.8 million households using home delivery services during lockdown.

A senior official from the Health Ministry told *The Hindu*, "Banning e-pharmacies would be like throwing the baby out with the bath water. The demand for online delivery of drugs is burgeoning. There is a possibility that some of these businesses will go underground if banned, because people are not going to stop ordering medicines online anytime soon." One can't wish away the sale of drugs online by threatening to ban businesses, instead of regulating the sector, the official added.

The draft e-pharmacy rules, which were originally intended to whip e-pharmacy businesses into shape were floated by the Ministry of Health in 2018. The rules were finalised, public comments were taken into consideration and they were almost on the brink of being notified. But the proposal was abruptly shoved into cold storage, after being referred to a Group of Ministers including Amit Shah (home) and Rajnath Singh (defence) as the matter was considered 'sensitive,'. It ran the risk of irking a substantial vote bank of offline pharmacists.

Since then, multiple court orders including those from Bombay, Madras, Delhi and Patna High Court have called for regulating e-pharmacies. The latest in the line is the 172nd Parliamentary Standing Committee report released in June last year, which found it 'appalling,' that e-pharmacy rules had not been notified even after four years of the draft being introduced.

How are e-pharmacies competing with mom-and-pop chemist shops?

Flush with billions of dollars of private equity money to infuse, e-pharmacies made a bang in the market in 2015 and started offering hefty discounts on medicines in a bid to garner more market share. But they didn't just stop at the discounts.

E-pharmacies call themselves facilitators of doorstep delivery. They claim tie-ups with retail chemists for vending medicines. However, since profit margins in the drug retail industry are very thin, just about 15% to 16%, every player in the supply chain is struggling to make money. Therefore, companies like PharmEasy, in a move to circumvent retail chemists are building a supply chain from the ground up by buying out big and small wholesale drug distributors like Ascent Health, Desai Pharma, Eastern Agencies Healthcare among others.

Reliance bought out a Bengaluru-based software company C-Square Info Solutions, which caters to the software needs of local pharmacists since the past twenty years. But this aggressive growth is coming at a cost. It is to be noted that since 2015, e-pharmacies have recorded losses year-on-year. Tata-1 Mg posted a loss of ₹146 crore in FY22, whereas PharmEasy's losses widened to ₹2,700 crore in the same fiscal.

What next?

Both e-pharmacies and offline retail pharmacists have realised that in a climate where drug delivery is driven by consumer sentiments, it is futile to stick to any one way of doing business. "In the past eight years, the market penetration of e-pharmacies has seen single digit growth from 3% to 5%. It is just one additional option for consumers for buying chronic care medicines for diabetes, high blood pressure, cardiac issues and so on," said a leading e-pharmacy player who did not wish to be quoted.

For acute care and emergency, patients still rely on their neighbourhood pharmacy stores.

This has led e-pharmacy players to now open capital-intensive brick and mortar stores. Until March 2021, Reliance had opened 114 pharmacies inside their Smartpoint grocery stores. It plans to open 2,000 more outlets. Apollo Pharmacy which has nearly 4,000 physical stores also caters to online sales. "PharmEasy has close to 600 of its own stores while Tata-1Mg has over fifty stores and is adding more," the aforementioned player said.

Stiff competition has forced mom and pop pharmacists to also offer home delivery options to their customers by introducing their own store apps. They even give customers options to order medicines over Whatsapp. In an eco-system that is moving towards a hybrid mode, all eyes are on the Ministry of Health which will have to effectively regulate the new way of doing e-commerce in the drug space.

THE GIST

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RBI's new pilot project on coin vending machines

How will QR-code based coin vending machines function? What has the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India said with respect to coin supply in the country?

Saptaparno Ghosh

The story so far:

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das had stated during the last Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) address that the apex banking regulator, in collaboration with banks, would be launching a pilot project to assess the functioning of a QR-code based coin vending machine.

What is the project about?

In simple words, the vending machines would dispense coins with the requisite amount being debited from the customer's account using United Payments Interface (UPI) instead of physical tendering of banknotes. Customers would be endowed the option of withdrawing coins in required quantities and denominations. The central idea here is to ease the accessibility to coins.

On the supply side of things, T. Rabi Shankar, Deputy Governor at the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had stated that the situation with respect to coins was "peculiar" with the supply being "very high". "It is taking up a lot of storage space and it is not getting properly distributed. At the same time, there is demand in pockets," added the Deputy Governor.

The proposed mechanism for coin dispensation would be a departure from the conventional machines which relied on banknotes for facilitating coin exchanges. Further, the proposed machine would eliminate the need for physical tendering of banknotes and their authentication. It was observed that the currency being fed into the machines (for coin exchange) were often found to be fake and could not be checked right at that point of time. Thus, the mandate to eliminate the physical tendering of banknotes. The pilot is initially planned to be rolled out at 19 locations in 12 cities across the country. With particular focus on ease and accessibility, the machines are intended to be installed at public places such as railway stations, shopping mall and marketplaces.

Are coins significant in our ecosystem?

As per the latest RBI bulletin, the total value of circulation of rupee coins stood at ₹28,857 crore as of December 30 last year. The figure is an increase of 7.2% from the year-ago period. Circulation of small coins remained unchanged at ₹743 crore. For perspective, coins in India are issued in denominations of 50 paise, one rupee, two rupees, five rupees, ten rupees and twenty rupees. Coins of up to 50 paise are called 'small coins' while those of one rupee and above are called 'rupee coins'.

The figures above could be compared to the volume of digital payments until December 2022 which stood at approximately ₹9,557.4 crore, as per the Digidhan Dashboard. The number is inclusive of mobile banking, internet banking, IMPS, BHIM-UPI and NEFT, among others. The reliance on UPI for dispensing coins is particularly noteworthy and it must be recalled that the payments interface for feature phones was launched in March last year. The apex regulator is also in the midst of a pilot for the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC).

Is it going against the digital push?

According to Vipul Kharbanda, non-resident fellow at the Centre for Internet and Society (CIS) the proposal should not be viewed as a "zero-sum game of digital versus cash." The two can easily supplement each other. "This should not be looked at from a very dogmatic point of view rather a pragmatic one. If digitalisation is not solving a particular problem at this given point of time, then it is very much within RBI's purview to use other means available to achieve its ultimate objective that is to operate the currency system of the country," Mr. Kharbanda argues.

THE GIST

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The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"eProcurement-KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/on or after **01.03.2023 at 4.00 pm.** For more details can be obtained from the office of the under signed.

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Percentage tender through e-portal in Two cover system is invited by the Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP, Division No. 4 Hosadurga on behalf of the Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigam Ltd, from the eligible contractors who fulfils the pre-qualification conditions for the works "Indent no:- 2664 & 2666" for Rs.495.81 & Rs.199.87 lakhs. The Contractors can download and submit the completed bid documents through e-procurement website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 24/02/2023. For the work Pre bid meeting will be held on 02/03/2023 on O/o Chief Engineer, VJNL, UBP Zone, Chitradurga at 11.30 hrs. Details such as Amount put to tender/ EMD amount/ qualification of Bidders/ Tender conditions/Tender processing fee etc can be obtained through e-procurement or from the office of the under signed during the office hours up to 01/03/2023. The date for submission of completed tenders is 04/03/2023 upto 16.00 hrs. The tender will be opened on 06/03/2023 @ 11.30 hrs at the office of the Executive Engineer, VJNL, UBP Division No.04, Hosadurga through e-procurement. The date of opening of Financial Bid will be intimated to the qualified bidders. The authority competent to accept the tenders shall have the right of rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons and will not bound to accept the lowest tender.

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APMC, Challakere hereby invites Tender for the following Development works Sanctioned under 2022-23 Annual Action Plan, from eligible e-portal registered PWD contractors in two cover system as per Karnataka Transparency Act 2000 through e-procurement portal. The contractors have to submit all tender related documents, item-wised rates etc. by uploading through http://eproc.karnataka.gov.inwebsite in standard documents KW-4. (With latest amendments).

01) Pre-Bid & Tender Query Meeting: 07.03.2023 at 11:00 AM. 02) Last Date for Receipt of filled Tenders: 31.03.2023 at 04:30 PM. 03) Opening of Technical Bid: 03.04.2023 at 04:00 PM. 04) Opening of Financial Bid (If Possible): 05.04.2023 at 11:30 PM. 05) 18 % GST will be paid separately. 06) Place of opening of E-Tender bid: APMC, Challakere.

Name of work: 1) CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL COMPLEX IN MAIN MARKET YARD OF APMC CHALLAKERE UNDER ACTION PLAN 2022-23. Amount put to Tender: Rs. 2,64,55,598 Lakhs. EMD Amount: Rs. 3,97,000/-. Time limit (Including monsoon period): 5 1/2 months. Eligibility of the Contractors/ Firms: Registered PWD Class-1 Civil Contractor. Tender Fee: As per E-governance.

Any other information required can be obtained from the office of the Secretary, Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Challakere Mob: 9448610923, 9900517852during working days and hours or through website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Secretary, APMC, Challakere
RO No. 1057: DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/2022-23
Sd/- Administrator, APMC, Challakere

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Department of Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development
Office of the Executive Engineer
MI & GWD Division, Mandya
No:EE:MID:MDY:TB:2022-23:1773 Date:27.02.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO : 15/ 2022-23 , Dated : 27-02-2023.

ItemWise Tenders are invited from registered and eligible contractors under " e - Procurement " Portal as per the terms and conditions prescribed in standard tender bid documents KW-2 And KW-4. Under the Head of Account 4702: Modernization Of Tank (Rain damage), there is 01 No of work, 4702- Modernization Of Tank (Samagra Abhivruddi), there is 01 No of work, 4702-Modernization Of Tank there is 01 No of work and 4702-Check dams and pickups there are 02 No's of Works. Amount put to tender ranging from as low as Rs. 25.00 Lakhs to as high as Rs. 325.00 Lakhs. Any information regarding this tender may be obtained from this office up to dated : 07.03.2023 during office hours. The tenders may be uploaded (Technical and Financial bids to be uploaded separately) with the prescribed E.M.D and requisite documents through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in upto dated : 08.03.2023 up to 17-30 Hours. Technical bids of the bidders will be opened on dated :10.03.2023 at 11-00 AM. Financial bids of the bidders will be opened on dated : 13.03.2023 at 11.00 AM. All the rights are reserved for postponement or cancellation of all works or any of the work of this tender by the under signed. Terms and conditions required for the each work is published in the "e - Procurement " Tender Portal. Any additional information is available at the office of the undersigned. Any corrections regarding the works will be published in " e - Procurement " portal only.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
DIPR/AD-MDY/KSMC&A/726/2022-23 **MI & GWD Division, Mandya**

Government of Karnataka
Executive Engineer,
RDW&S, Division, Mysore

Short Term Tender Notification No: 44/2022-23
Date: 24.02.2023

short term tender notification is as below.

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Items rate tenders under KW-4 Standard Bid documents (Single & Two cover system) has been called for PERIYAPATNA 01 and hunsur 01 WORKS (Estimate cost168-249.4 Lakhs) under the Head of Account: 2021-22 Jal Jevan Mission. Tender is been invited as per Karnataka transparency Act G.O.No.FD9 PCL 2004 Dt. 06.08.2005 and as per recent amendments, Date of uploading Tender forms under e-procurement Dt: 27.02.2023 11:00 AM onwards, Last Date for submitting the filled Tender forms is 08.03.2023 upto 5:00PM, PRE BID MEETING 28.02.2023 and Opening of Technical bid 09.03.2023, 05.30 PM onwards, Opening of Financial bid after approval of Technical bid. Eligible Agencies can participate in the tender process and for e-procurement support contact e-procurement Tel. Phone No 080 – 22485867, 080-22485927. For more details log on to www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact the Officer under signed at office hours. Phone No.0821-2460 495.Tender Form Fees – As per e-procurement.

DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/1083/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(Government of karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Yettinahole Project Division No 4, Madhugiri. Tumkur Dist-572132, Ph: 08137- 282112
E-mail: eeyetmadhugiri4@gmail.com
Sl No: EE:VJNL/YHP/Div-No.4/Madhugiri/NIT-18/2022-23
Dated:24.02.2023

Short term Tender Notification
(Through E-procurement system)

On Behalf of Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigama Limited, Bangalore the Executive Engineer, VJNL, Yettinahole Project Division No.4, Madhugiri, Karnataka invites two tender document system from eligible PWD contractor's for the work of SCP & TSP works in Koratagere, Chinthamani & Hosakote for a total 5 works for an amount Rs. 50.47 Lakh's to 168.75 Lakhs on "Percentage basis" through e-Procurement portal.

The contractor's can download and submit the completed bid documents through e-procurement website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in from **01.03.2023 to 08.03.2023** upto 5.30 PM, tenders shall be submitted through E-proc. only. Details for EMD amount, Tender Processing fee, Tender Clarifications, Qualification of bidders, Tender Conditions etc., may be obtained through e-procurement. The querries if any may be clarified from this office on **04.03.2023.** during office hours

The technical bid will be opened on **10.03.2023,** 11.00 AM .The undersigned reserves all rights to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reasons

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
V.J.N.L, YHP Division No.4, Madhugiri.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(www.kpwd.gov.in)

Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Bangalore Division, 2nd Floor, PWD Annexure Building, K.R. Circle, Bangalore - 01
Telephone No. 080-22133370, **Fax No.** 080-22133365
Email ID: eepwdbngdn@yahoo.com
E-Portal : https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Tender Notification No. 59/2022-23
Dated : 27.02.2023

Item-rate tenders, for the work in Doddaballapura & North Sub Division under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per e-procurement procedure.Tender Notification are Published for 6 works (Rs. 250.00 to 410.00 Lakhs) Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. **EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in E-procurement portal.**

Eligible contractors interested in tendering for the work may apply for the tender through e-procurement.

1.Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from Dated: **27.02.2023** onwards. **2.** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **16:00** hours on dated **07.03.2023. 3.** The opening of tenders through e-procurement portal on dated **08.03.2023** at **16.30** hours or further date and time will be Intimate.

For more details can be had from e-procurement portal **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
DIPR/CP/4995/Zen/2022-23 **PWD, Bangalore Division, Bangalore.**

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, ALBC Division,Almatti-586201.
Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur. Phone:08426-281044,
No:KBJNL/ALBC-DN/DM/TND/DH-SCP-TSP/2022-23/3104
Date: 24.02.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, ALBC Division Almatti the under undersigned invites tender on **Percentage Basis** in Two cover system in **KW-3** documents from **KPWD Class-I and above** registered contractors for the work **Construction of CC road under SCP and TSP pertains to D. Hipparagi Constituency**. **Indent No. 23830.** Approx. amount put to tender: **Rs. 82.55 lakhs**.

The contractor can have access and submission of completed e-tender document of from **28.02.2023 to 10.03.2023** to 5.00 pm. The Cover –I (Technical bid) will be opened in the under signed office on **13.03.2023** at 11.00 AM. The Cover –II (Financial bid) of qualified bidder will be opened in the under signed office on **15.03.2023** at11.00 AM.

The rights of acceptance/rejection of tender at any time, without giving any reason had with undersigned. Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/ines.seam **and** www.kbjnl.karnataka.gov.in **and can be had from the office of undersigned during office hours.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, ALBC Division, Almatti
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/953/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23

Zilla Panchayath, Tumkur
Office of The Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Tumkur,
No.41/EE/RDWS&SD/TMK/JJM/AE-2/3847/2022-23
Date:22.02.2023

Short-term Tender Notification

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division Tumkur has Invites request for proposal tenders from the eligible bidders for the One and Two Cover work detailed in the table below. Tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTPP act shall be followed. The tenders are Required to submit through E-Procurement mode through portal .http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. from Class-III & above PWD Registered Contractors who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following JJM Works of Koratagere of Tumkur Dist. As per the schedule given below. (Minimum Tender Amount Rs.13.68 Lakhs EMD Amount Rs.34200/- and Maximum Tender Amount Rs.81.31Lakhs EMD Amount Rs.1,62,620/-)

Particulars & Details : (1) Last date of submit bids on e-portal : **03.03.2023** Upto 17.00 Hours. **(2)** Pre Bid Meeting (KW-3 works): Date: **28.02.2023** at 11.00 A M Venue, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division Tumkur. **(3)** Technical Opening of Bids:**03.03.2023** at 17.30PM onwards **(4)** Financial Opening of Bids: **04.03.2023** at 11.00 AM onwards. For further particulars/details may avail from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days and may visit the website : www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executve Engineer,
RDW & S Division, Tumkur.
DIPR/TUM/1010/KSMCA/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.:SEE/Tr(W&M)C/MRB/EE(O)/AEE-2/T-64/22-23/8184-86 Date:27.02.2023

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Mode Only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Tender for the following works.

1) Bid Enquiry No.: SEE/Tr.(W&M)C/MRB/EE(O)/AEE-2/22-23/TTK/250KVA Additional Auxiliary Transformer Badeladaku (Kudligi) - Dtd:16.01.2023_Call-2 for "Providing additional 250KVA 11kV/440V Auxiliary transformer at 220/66/11KV R/S Badeladaku in 220KV R/S Division Ittigi in Kudligi Taluk, Vijayanagara District, including supply of equipments / Materials, Erection (including civil works), testing and commissioning on Total Turn Key Basis.

2) Bid Enquiry No.: SEE/TR.(W&M)C/MRB/EE(O)/AEE-2/22-23/supply of Nitrogen Injection Fire Protection System (NIFPS) Dtd:01.03.2023 for supply of Nitrogen Injection Fire Protection System(NIFPS) including Erection and Civil works required for various Sub-Stations comes under Transmission(W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Munirabad".

3) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/Tr.(W&M)C/MRB/EE(O)/AEE-2/22-23/Data Entry Operators-02Nos & Sweeper-01No, Dtd: 01.03.2023 for outsourcing the services of Data Entry operator -02 Nos (1no to Tr(W&M)Munirabad & 01no to AO(IA),MW division,Ballari) and Part time Sweeper-01 No to MWD, Raichur) in Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Munirabad".

Tenders will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"eProcurement-KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 11:00Hrs on 01.03.2023**. Further details can be obtained from the office of the under signed.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Munirabad-583 233
Tele-Fax: 08539-270094

BIDAR URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, BIDAR
Udgir Road, Naubad, Bidar-585402, Email : udabidar@gmail.com Telephone No. 08482-232707

No: BUDA/C.A.S/Allotment/CR-2/2022-23/1530 Date:27/02/2023

NOTIFICATION IN RESPECT OF ALLOTMENT OF SITES KEPT RESERVED FOR CIVIC AMENITY SITES

The Bidar Urban Development Authority kept reserved the below mentioned Civic Amenity Sites in Private layout for public utility purpose are due for allotment to various societies associations and institution under the provisions of "Karnataka Urban Development Authorities (Civic Amenities Sites allotment) Rules 1991". The societies association and Govt. institutions which are willing to obtain such said sites have to by submitting registration fee prescribed for various size sites along with deposit of initial amount shall submit their applications in prescribed Form only for the purposes mentioned / shown in the notification.

And those institution which are duly registered in the Urban Development Authority only have to with the deposit of 10% initial amount on the notified lease amount, for the allotment of the Civic Amenities Sites submit their application in a prescribed Form No:02 and in column (6) mentioned the payable initial deposit fee .

And, prescribed registration Form-1 and Form-2 availed at the Bidar Urban Development Authority office from within Date:01-03-2023 to Date:20-03-2023 by paying a sum of Rs.5,000/- at office hours. And, the filled-Up Form-1 and Form-2 with the prescribed registration fee and with initial deposit amount have to be submitted and reached to this office within dated: 28-03-2023 at evening 5.00 hours. And applications which are sent after the last date or after the lapse prescribed time or which are defective and which are having incomplete information shall be rejected.

Further information can be obtained at the authority office, by conditions the undersigned and the office staff at office hours. Sites allotment final decision shall be subject to authority final decision.

Annexure list of sites available for allotment by the authority for civic amenities is as under.

Sl. No.	Name of the Village	Sy. No.	Area (Sq.mtr)	Registration Fee (Rs)	EMD @ 10% (Rs)	Total Lease Amount of CA Site	Purpose
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Reserved for Schedule Castes				
1	Aliyabad	56/1, 56/2, 56/3, 53/2 & 55	1697.83 (C.A-2)	2000	11,03,589/-	1,10,35,895/-	Any
2	Chidri	70/*/2 & 70/*/3	826.59	1000	3,96,764/-	39,67,632/-	Any
3	Chitta	3/3,3/4 &13/1	620.88	1000	1,61,429/-	16,14,288/-	Any
4	Chitta	4/4	867.07	1000	2,60,121/-	26,01,210/-	Any
5	Goranlli (B)	29/2	1455.84	2000	5,53,219/-	55,32,192/-	Any
6	Halladkeri (K)	91/3	543.00	1000	2,06,340/-	20,63,400/-	Any
7	Halladkeri (K)	109	7259.25	7000	31,21,478/-	3,12,14,775/-	Any
8	Mailoor	35/*/2	354.42	1000	99,238/-	9,92,376/-	Any
9	Halladkeri (K)	91/1	1440.00	2000	5,48,720/-	54,87,200/-	Any
			Reserved for Scheduled Tribes				
10	Aliyabad	56/1, 56/2, 56/3, 53/2 & 55	3668.17 (C.A-1)	5000	23,84,310/-	2,38,43,105/-	Any
11	Mirajapur (T)	5/*/1	752.90	1000	2,03,283/-	20,32,830/-	Any
			Reserved for Physically Handicapped and Mentally Retarded				
12	Bhageshi	5/2/3 & 5/2/4	279.97	1000	1,45,585/-	14,55,844/-	Any
13	Chidri	65/3	635.00	1000	2,09,550/-	20,95,500/-	Any
			Reserved for General				
14	Chidri	68/3	1017.9	2000	3,76,623/-	37,66,230/-	Any
15	Chidri	211/*/4	1017.78	2000	4,88,535/-	48,85,344/-	Any
16	Chidri	15/1/2/E & 15/1/2/U	356.12	1000	3,84,610/-	38,46,096/-	Educational
17	Chitta	3/3,3/4 &13/1	633.72	1000	1,64,767/-	16,47,672/-	Any
18	Chitta	3/3,3/4 &13/1	1842.29	2000	4,78,995/-	47,89,954/-	Any
19	Chitta	3/3,3/4 &13/1	1336.45	2000	3,47,477/-	34,74,770/-	Any
20	Chitta	3/3,3/4 &13/1	1336.45	2000	3,47,477/-	34,74,770/-	Any
21	Chitta	287/3	613.00	1000	1,83,900/-	18,39,000/-	Any
22	Chitta	288/7	465.65	1000	1,59,828/-	15,98,275/-	Any
23	Chikkapet	27/1	880.29	1000	3,96,131/-	39,61,305/-	Any
24	Chikkapet	26/*/14 & 26/*/15	461.91	1000	1,75,526/-	17,55,258/-	Any
25	Chikkapet	26/*/13	467.79	1000	1,40,337/-	14,03,370/-	Any
26	Chikkapet	30, 31 & 34	9976.64	7000	35,91,591/-	3,59,15,904/-	Any
27	Chikkapet	52/*/8	524.61	1000	2,09,844/-	20,98,440/-	Any
28	Goranlli (B)	21/1	7085.48	7000	38,97,723/-	3,89,77,226/-	Any
29	Goranlli (B)	22/2	1764.00 (C.A-1)	2000	9,70,377/-	97,03,764/-	Any
30	Goranlli (B)	22/2	1250.22 (C.A-2)	2000	6,87,747/-	68,77,461/-	Any
31	Gullerhavelli	57	369.28	1000	4,67,140/-	46,71,392/-	Any
32	Halladkeri (K)	91/2	948.76	1000	3,70,016/-	37,00,164/-	Any
33	Halladkeri (K)	91/1	1444.00	2000	5,48,720/-	54,87,200/-	Any
34	Halladkeri (K)	27/*/5	194.04	1000	87,318/-	8,73,180/-	Any
35	Halgarkar Layout	Plot. No.9-1-14	520.44	1000	9,73,223/-	97,32,228/-	Educational
36	Kolar (K)	341/*/*	269.56	1000	86,260/-	8,62,592/-	Any
37	Kolar (K)	360/*	509.25	1000	1,62,960/-	16,29,600/-	Any
38	Kolar (K)	331 & 344	1106.38	2000	3,54,042/-	35,40,416/-	Any
39	Kumbarwada	36/3	276.50	1000	2,23,965/-	22,39,650/-	Educational
40	Mamankeri	10/*/PO1/2	557.47	1000	1,81,178/-	18,11,776/-	Any
41	Mamankeri	3/*/1 &3/*/2	608.24	1000	1,97,678/-	19,76,780/-	Any
42	Mailoor	90/1, 2, 3 & 4	932.07	1000	3,72,828/-	37,28,280/-	Any
43	Nawadgeri	13/2	695.91	1000	3,34,037/-	33,40,368/-	Any
44	Nawadgeri	63/*/2 & 63/*/3	829.60	1000	3,31,840/-	33,18,400/-	Any
45	Nizampur	44/2'2 & 44/2'3	C.A-1 736.00	1000	2,20,800/-	22,08,000/-	Any
46	Naubad	175	827.56	1000	3,31,024/-	33,10,240/-	Any
47	Sippalgera	3/2/4	455.29	1000	1,22,929/-	12,29,283/-	Any

Conditions : 1) Special Notice : As per Karnataka Urban Development Authorities allotment (Civic Amenities Sites) Rules-1991 a Market, a Post office, a bank, a bus stand or a bus depot, a fair price shop, a milk booth, a school, a dispensary, a maternity home, a child care centre, a library, a gymnasium, a recreation centre run by the Government or cultural activities or philanthropic service run by a co-operative society or society registered under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 (Karnataka Act 17 of 1960) or by a trust created wholly for charitable educational or religious purposes, a plice station, an area office or a service station of the local authority or the Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board or the Karnataka Electricity Board and such other amenity as the Government may by notification specify; 2) Allotment of Civic Amenity sites will be allotted for a lease period of 30 years as Karnataka Urban Development Authorities allotment (Civic Amenities Sites) Rules-1991. 3) The said Civic Amenity sites shall not be allotted to an individual. And clearly which mention if they have applied for the purpose and organizations belonging to Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribes should submit their relevant documents along with the application. 4) Applying to any Govt. Department / Institutions in case of need of C.A. Sites after meeting the demand of government offices, steps will be taken to allot the remaining C.A Sites to other organizations.

Sd/- Commissioner,
Bidar Urban Development Authority, Bidar

Sd/- Chairman,
Bidar Urban Development Authority, Bidar.

DIPR/Bidar/496/MC&A/2022-23

Bescom saw highest peak demand in BMAZ jurisdiction on Feb. 23

With rate of production increasing, Bescom is expecting the numbers to go up further as summer approaches

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

On February 23, the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) received a record high peak demand of 3,259 megawatts (MW) in the Bengaluru Metropolitan Area Zone (BMAZ) jurisdiction.

With the rate of production increasing, primarily in urban and agricultural set ups, Bescom is expecting the numbers to go up further as summer approaches.

Peak demand during summer 2019 – 2022

Year	Peak demand in MWs	Date
2019 - 20	3,081	April 11, 2019
2020 - 21	2,832	March 31, 2021
2021 - 22	2,980	March 30, 2022

Peak demand for electricity supply companies usually increases during the summer.

In Bengaluru, although summer has not officially set in, the mercury crossed 30 degrees Celsius a few weeks ago.

"The average demand during peak hours in February was 3,009 MW in BMAZ. While industrial activities have increased in urban areas, good rainfall last year has also increased groundwater levels and IP sets are being put to good use. By the second week of March, we are expecting peak demand to go up further," said a senior official in Bescom.

The official added that a peak demand of 3,450 - 3,500 MWs is being expected this summer. In January, the peak demand was at 3,206 MW with a 10.7% increase when compared to last year. In February, the load of 3,259 MW was higher by 14.3% than its previous year. Bescom has also calculated projected loads of 3,352 MW and 3,500 MW for March and April respectively in BMAZ.

In the summer of 2020-21, Bescom had seen a peak demand of 2,832 MW in BMAZ on March 31 and in 2021-22, the peak demand was 2,980 MW on March 30.

However, consumers have their own apprehensions about the uninterrupted supply. "Usually, when demand increases, their old lines would not be able to handle the load and hence cause outages. This time, they have said that as they have improved infrastructure. We will know only when the season is done and if there is no load shedding, then we will know that they could handle the demand," said Shrinath Bhandary U. Chairman, Energy Committee, Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association.

Pourakarmikas call off strike after govt. assurance on demands

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Pourakarmikas during their protest.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) pourakarmikas on Tuesday called off their strike in Bengaluru, following assurances by BBMP Special Commissioner for Finance, Jayaram Raipura to look into their demands and granting permanent employment status to civic workers soon.

On Monday, the BBMP Pourakramikara Sangha members were protesting at the BBMP head office in the city with the demand to make all pourakarmikas permanent as per a written promise by the Chief Minister.

"Although, there were 16,000 pourakarmikas working in BBMP, a notification was issued only in regard to 3,673 workers and injustice was done to the remaining 12,500 pourakarmikas," Nirmala M., member of BBMP Pourakarmikara Sangha alleged.

The sangha in a release on Tuesday after withdrawing the protest said that Mr. Raipura, who is also Secretary-2 to the Chief Minister, addressed the protesting pourakarmikas and said that the file in regard to making all the pourakarmikas permanent is before the CM and assured that the same would be approved within two days and the procedure, including the issuance of notification, would be done within two weeks.

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Strike call: Talks between govt., union remain inconclusive

Mr. Shadakshari could not confirm the fate of the strike till the end of the office-bearers meeting, and hoped that if the Government Order on the pay commission came on Wednesday morning, things could change even then.

"During the meeting both sides discussed the issue openly, and we have told them decisions have to be made based on the financial status. I will again ask the pay commission to hasten submission of its interim report," Mr. Bommai told reporters after the meeting. He also said that the employees have been told to come back on their decision on strike. "We will have another round of meeting to sort out the issue. I am hopeful of an amicable solution to the problem."

While Mr. Bommai had on Tuesday morning offered the olive branch by stating that the Government would ask the 7th Pay Commission to immediately submit an interim report on which the State Government could act upon, he also pointed out that the necessary money had been kept aside in the budget. The late night meeting was attended by four Cabinet Ministers, Chief Secretary Vanditha Sharma and other senior officials to hammer out an agreement and prevent embarrassment to the government. Earlier in the day, a meeting convened by Ms. Sharma had also failed.

The employees are demanding an interim revision in pay with 40% fitment besides scrapping of the National Pension Scheme in favour of the Old Pension Scheme.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, YALLAMMA JIGALOORU spouse of No.4380105M Rank L/NK Name SREEKANT, resident of Village PATTALACHINTI PO HANAMANAL Dist KOPPAL State KARNATAKA have changed my name from **YALLAMMA JIGALOORU** to **YALLAMMA** vide affidavit dated 23/11/2021 before the notary public Hon'ble Civil and JMFC Court Kushtagi of Koppal Dist. Karnataka State, for all future purpose.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public at large that the undersigned Advocates are investigating the title of Puravankara Limited (earlier Puravankara Projects Limited) ('**Owner**') in respect of the property described in the schedule below (**"Schedule Property"**). The Owner has represented that they are the absolute owner of the Schedule Property.

All persons having or claiming any form of right, title, claim, demand or interest in the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, lease, lien, charge, maintenance, license, gift, inheritance, share, possession, easement, trust, bequest, assignment or encumbrance of whatsoever nature or any objection/s of any manner whatsoever are hereby requested to intimate the undersigned in writing at the address mentioned below of any such claim accompanied with all necessary and supporting documents within 15 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which it shall be presumed that there are no claims and that claims, if any, have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immoveable property being the land bearing Survey No. 28 measuring 6 Acres 6 Guntas (excluding 8 Guntas kharab) situated at Mallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on its:

East by: Property bearing Survey No. 6;
West by: Road;
North by: Property bearing Survey No. 5; and
South by: Property bearing Survey No. 27.

01.03.2023 Sd. /-
N.K. Dilip / S. Raghu Nandana
Tatva Legal, Bangalore Advocates
4th Floor, Phoenix Pinnacle, No. 46, Ulsoor Road, Bengaluru 560 042

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is bring to the NOTICE of General Public that **ARUN KUMAR,** aged about 30 years s/o. Late. Subramani R/at No.10, "Samruddi", 1st Cross Road, 35th Main Road, Jai Maruthinagar, Nandini Layout, BANGALORE 560 096 is the owner of the Southern Half Portion of Site No. 17 with New Assessment No. 24/2 situated at Laggere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 40 feet & North to South 15 feet in all measuring 600 square feet which is morefully described in the schedule below, having acquired the said property from his previous owner/vendor/ D. Dhanamma represented by her GPA Holder Bhagya @ Bhagyamma vide Sale Deed dated 09/06/2017 registered as Document No. PNY-1-01704/2017-18 of Book I stored in C.D. No. PNYD 657 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Peenya, Bangalore.

Arun Kumar having acquired the schedule property is intending to avail Construction Loan from **LIC Housing Finance Ltd** Bangalore, by mortgaging the property/documents with them.

Any person or person/s, Government of Karnataka/ Block Development Officer/Tahasildar, Financial Institution/s/Co-operative Society Ltd/Statutory bodies/etc., having/asserting any right, title or interest/claims or intending to oppose the disbursement of loan for constructing over the property/insists for NOC/etc., in any manner may file their objections to the undersigned within **10 (TEN) days** from the date of Publication of Notice hereof, along with Documentary Proof, where after no such claims will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Southern Half Portion of **Site No. 17** with New Assessment No. 24/2 old Assessment No. 24/1 situated at **Laggere Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** presently within the limits of BBMP Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 feet & North to South 15 feet in all measuring 600 square feet & bounded on the:

East by: Site No. 20; West by : Road; North by : Remaining/Northern Portion of Site No.17 & South by : Site No. 09:

Shri. G.N. HARISH, Advocates,
312, Ground Floor, 21st 'A' Cross,
VI Block, Jayanagar, BANGALORE - 560 082.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client has negotiated for purchase of the immovable Property described in the schedule hereunder from its owners:

1. SRI. SUNIL KUMAR JAIN,
S/o. Sri. Chandanmal, Aged about 46 years,
2. SMT. S. ASHA, W/o. Sri. Sunil Kumar Jain, Aged about 46 years,
Both residing at No.35, 1st Main, HGH Layout, Ganaganagar, R.T Nagar Post, BENGALURU - 560 032.

Whereas the owners claims that they are the absolute owners thereof

It is hereby informed to the general public that any person/s, agent/s, Bank/s Financial Institution/s, etc, having any manner of claims, charge, mortgage, right, title and Interest, sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, gift, trust, maintenance, inheritance, possession, lease, license, easement or otherwise of whatsoever nature, howsoever etc., in respect of the schedule property are hereby informed to make the same known to the undersigned in writing supported by documents as proof and evidence, within a period of 10 days from the date of Publication of this notice, failing which the claim/s or objections if any such claims shall be considered will be deemed to have been waived and/discharged forever my clients will be advised to go ahead and complete the sale formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the immovable Property bearing Residential Vacant Site **No.1 and 2** in Property No.31/2, Old Khatha No.220, Old BBMP Khatha No.220/31/2/1 & 2, **Now New BBMP Khatha No.1492, 220/31/2/1 & 2** situated at Geddalahalli Ward No.25, Bangalore, site measuring East to West : 60 feet and North to South : on Eastern Side 50 feet, Western Side 36 feet, in all totally measuring 2580 square feet and bounded on the:

East by : Private Property, West by : Site No.3, North by : Road (30 feet), South by : Site No.4 & 5.

Sd/- **G. VIJAYAKUMAR, Advocate**
No.64, 4th Cross, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, BANGALORE - 560 038.
Mobile : 98840 67439 / Phone 25200773

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that the undersigned Advocates are investigating the development right and interest of Puravankara Limited (earlier known as Puravankara Projects Limited) (**"Developer"**) in the property described in the schedule below (herein after referred to as the **"Schedule Property"**) and the title and ownership rights of Mr. G. S. Prabhakar, Mr. G. S. Vijayaraghava, Mr. G. S. Amarnath, Mr. S. A. Akshay, Mr. S. A. Aditya, Mrs. Saroja, Mrs. Ramya Venkata Raju, Mr. V. Harsha, Mrs. G. S. Kusuma Rani, Mrs. Bhavani Gowda, Mrs. G. S. Dhanalakshmi, Mrs. B. N. Kamala, Mr. S. V. Bhaskar, Ms. B. Mallika, Mr. S. V. Sanjay, Ms. V. S. Tejaswini, Ms. V. S. Yashaswini, Mr. S. V. Hemanth Kumar, Ms. Sampada H. Kumar, Mrs. G. S. Saraswathi, Mrs. Kalavathi, Mr. S. J. Kiran, Mr. S. J. Suman, Mrs. Smitha Anil Kumar, Mr. S. Damodhar, Mrs. S. Kusuma, Mr. S. K. Anoop, Mr. S. K. Vinay, Mrs. S. K. Manaswini, Mrs. S. P. Ashwini (represented by her father and power of attorney holder Mr. G. S. Prakash), Mrs. S. P. Rohini, Mr. Manu Gowda. S. V, Mrs. S. V. Megha, Mr. Arjun B Gowda, Mrs. G. Divya Prabha, ('**Owners**') in respect of the Schedule Property.

All or any persons, other than the Developer having or claiming any form of right, title, claim, demand or interest with respect to Developer's share of allocated area measuring to an extent of 141545.73 Sq. Ft of super built up area in the constructed portion and corresponding undivided share in the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, lease, development right, agency, lien, charge, maintenance, license, gift, inheritance, share, possession, easement, trust, bequest, assignment or encumbrance of whatsoever nature or any objection/s of any manner whatsoever are hereby requested to intimate the undersigned in writing at the address mentioned below of any such claim accompanied with all necessary and supporting documents within 15 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which it shall be presumed that there are no claims and that claims, if any, have been waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

55% of the Developer's Allocated area being an extent of 141545.73 Sq. Feet of Super built-up area and corresponding undivided share of land from and out of an extent measuring 50345.38 Sq. Feet of land in all that piece and parcel of the immoveable property presently bearing Municipal No. 5, Lalbagh Road, Ward No. 48, - Sudhamanagar, Ward, PID No. 48-31-5, Bengaluru – 560 027 (originally referred to as Municipal No. 54/50, then renumbered as Municipal No. 36,36/2, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore with building thereon, thereafter again renumbered as Municipal Nos. 4, 5, 5/1, 5/2, 5/3, 5/4, 5/5, 5/6, 5/7, 5/8, 5/9, 5/10, 5/11, 5/12, 5/13, 5/14, 5/15, 5/16, 5/17, 6, 6/1, 7, 7/1, 7/2, 7/3, 7/4, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 then referred to as Orient Power Press Compound in Lalbagh Road Bangalore), and bounded on its:

East by: Government College of Pharmacy;
West by: Lalbagh Main Road;
North by: Private Property belonging to Nagalakshmi and Government College of Pharmacy; and
South by: Private Property belonging to A.H. Sufi (Hua House).

01.03.2023 Sd. /-
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CUTTACK DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
C.D.A
ARUNODAYA BHAWAN : LINK ROAD : CUTTACK : 12
Email : cda.cuttack@ori.nic.in

Notice No: 1939 — **E - Auction** — Dt : 27/02/2023

E-auction of plot at Sector-11 in Bidanasi Project area, Cuttack on "as - is - where - is - basis" for the development of Kalyan Mandap.

Cuttack Development Authority (CDA) invites application for E-auction of plots at Sector-11 in Bidanasi Project area, Cuttack on "as- is- where- is- basis" for the development of Kalyan Mandap only. Development on the plot shall be only for Kalyan Mandap purpose regulated as per prevailing CDA planning and building standard regulations, in force at the time of allotment.

Brief description of application process : The application are invited online from eligible applicants as per the eligible criteria mentioned in the brochure for allotment of leasehold plot in Sector-11 through e-auction of the plot of land as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Plot No.	Sector	Area in Sft.	Mode of allotment	Permissible development
1.	11-3KM/1116	11	11,310	Lease hold basis	Kalyan Mandap

The selection shall be based on the eligibility and highest quoted amount per sft.above the reserve price specified in the brochure. The bidders are requested to make themselves aware of the site condition before participating in the e-auction process. The brochure for the same can be downloaded from CDA website **http://www.cdacuttack.nic.in from 27.02.2023** and the due date of submission of application is **28.03.2023 by 15.00 Hrs.** The online auction will be start at **11.30 Hrs on 04.04.2023.** The CDA Cuttack reserves the right to cancel whole or part of the auction process at any stage of the auction and thereafter, alter/modify of the auction process and/or defer the date of the auction, without assigning any reason and without cost and risk of the CDA. For any assistance/clarification in this regard, the prospective applicants may contact to Planning Member, CDA (Mob No- 9437107255) / Scheme Officers CDA (Mob No- 8249964517) during the office hours.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, SURENDER Jain, S/o Inderchand, R/o #167/1, Shravanee Constructions, 2nd Floor, Subbram Road, Netkalappa Circle, Basavanaguddi, Bangalore-560004 hereby state that both the names I.Sorendar and Surendar Jain belongs to one and the same person i.e., me only vide affidavit dt: 03.10.2022 sworn before Notary Bhagya Kumari.N, B'lore

I Vinayak Narayanaswamy S/o Narayana Swamy Mahadeva Iyer, residing at Flat No. 4043,4th Floor, Tower 4 Basil, Prestige Lakeside Habitat, SH 35, Gunjur,Varthur, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560087, have changed the name of minor Daughter Tanvi Vinayak aged 3 years and she shall hereafter be known as Tanvi Vinayak Varsha for all purposes in future.

I, CHANCHAL Jain W/o. Vishal I., Residing at No. 17/1, Berlie Street, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560025 do solemnly affirm that I was previously called Chanchal, have changed my name to Chanchal Jain Affidavit Dt. 27.2.2023 sworn before Notary L. Gopalakrishna Bengaluru-560027, Reg. No. 6766

I, VISHAL I. S/o. Inderchand Sethiya Residing at No. 17/1, Berlie Street, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560025 do solemnly affirm that I was previously called Vishal Sethiya, have changed my name to Vishal I. Affidavit Dt. 27.2.2023 sworn before notary L. Gopalakrishna, Bengaluru-27, Reg. No. 6766

I, Padma Sogal W/O, Colonel Pramod Subbarao Sogal R/o #335 3rd Floor I Block Sena Vihar Kammanahalli Main Road Bangalore-560043 have changed my name to Padma Pramod Sogal for all purposes vide Affidavit dated 21 Feb 2023 sworn before Notary No 10097 SR Nanjundaswamy.

I, NAZNEEN Mushtaq Shaikh, W/o Mushtaq Hamid Shaikh, R/o No.26, J M J Complex, HAL Old Airport Road, Near Manipal Hospital, Murugeshpalya, Vimanapura, Bangalore-560017, have changed my name from Nazneen Mushtaq Shaikh to Naazneen M Shaikh vide affidavit dated 28-02-2023 before Notary K.V.Mani Bengaluru.

I, KAMALESH Sonasah, S/o J.V.Sonasah, R/o. No.02, Lakshana, 1st Cross, Nandhini Street Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru-560016, have changed my name from Kamalesh Sonasah to Kamalesh Sah vide affidavit dated 28-02-2023 before Notary Uday Kumar.K, Bengaluru.

I, RITIKA Ashish Shrivastava, R/o A-0302, Classic Royale Garden, Hennur Main Road, Kalyananagar, Bengaluru-560043, have changed my name from Ritika Ashish Shrivastava to Ritika Shrivastava vide affidavit dated 25-02-2023 before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'luru.

I, KASHIBAI Gani, W/o Parasappa Gani, JC-829896W Nb Sub (GD), R/a Village & Post - Agasanal, The- Indi, Dist - Bijapur, State - Karnataka have changed my name to Kashibai Parasappa Gani vide affidavit dt: 28.02.2023 sworn before Notary P.G.Unnikrishnan, B'lore.

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BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, AT BENGALURU
4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Raja Bhavan Road, Bengaluru- 560 001
IN THE MATTER OF O. A. No. 723/2022

BETWEEN:-
M/S. ICICI Bank Ltd. ...Applicant
AND
Sri Venkateshwara Earth Movers and others ...Defendants

DEFENDANT :
1) Sri Venkateshwara Earth Movers, A registered proprietary firm having its office at 61, 5th Cross, Vijaya Bank Colony, Basavanapura Main Road, KR Puram, Bengaluru- 560 036. Represented by its proprietor Srinivas Raju A.
2) Srinivas Raju A, Son of Govinda Raju, Residing at 266, 7th Cross, Krishna Nagar, Vijaya Bank Colony, KR Puram, Bangalore-560 036, Phone No. 9845955669
3) Smt. S Sailaja, Wife of A Srinivas Raju, Residing at 61, 15th Cross, Basavanapura Main Road, Vijaya Bank Colony, KR Puram, Bangalore - 560 036.
Phone No.: 9845955669

SUMMONS ISSUED TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY PAPER PUBLICATION

WHEREAS the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of Recovery of Debts due to banks and financial Institution Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of Rs. 75,96,662.30 (Rupees Seventy-Five Lakhs, Ninety-Six Thousand and Six Hundred Two point thirty Paise Only) together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or on **10/07/2023** at **11.00 AM** in person or by pleader /Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this **17th February 2023.**

By order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

FORM NO INC-26
Before the Central Government
Bangalore Region
In the matter of the Companies Act, 2013, Section 13(4) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 30(6) (a) of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014
AND
In the matter of **Primrose Staffing Solutions India Private Limited** having its registered office at **Bangalore**, Petitioner Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the company proposes to make an application to the Central Government under section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Company in terms of the special resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting/ Extraordinary general meeting held on 10th February 2023 to enable the company to change its Registered office from Karnataka to Kerala. Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the company may deliver or cause to be delivered or send by registered post his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Change of Registered Office, within Fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy of the applicant company at its registered office at the address mentioned below :
For and on behalf of the Applicant
Nancy Mascreen (Director)
Primrose Staffing Solutions India Private Limited, 1st floor, Kasaravalli Complex BH Road, Shivamogga, Shivamogga, Karnataka, 577201
Date : - 22nd February 2023
Place : - Shivamogga

LEGAL NOTICE

FORM NO. 1-A
Summons/Notice for service by advertisement in newspaper
(Order 5, Rule 20 of CPC)
IN THE COURT 28th ACCJ OF CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH-29)
O. S. NO. 25369 OF 2021
Hg. 24/03/2023

Plaintiff :
M/s.ICICI Bank Ltd., Having its Regd. Off at Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068. Reptd. by its Manager : Sri. Pramodh. G, S/o.Gurumallappa. B.
Defendant :
Mr. J.R. Santhosh Kumar
S/o. Mr. Jalamangala Sidappa Renuka, Aged about 36 years Residing at No. 04, SRS Nilaya, Bariveshwara Nagar, Near JASKO College Mailanahalli Gate, Bangalore - 562 123

WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs. 3,95,703/- (Rupees Three Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Seven Hundred Three Only) together with future interest at 13.25% percent, you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by pleader on the 24th day of March, 2023 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on **21.02.2023.**
Bengaluru
Dated:

By Order of the Hon. Court
Dy. Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo hall unit, Bangalore

ALTAF HASAN, Advocate,
60, G-3, M.M. Complex,
Tasker Town, Chikka Bazaar Road, Shivajinagar,
Bangalore- 560051

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-61)
O.S NO. 4542/2022

Between:
M/s ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at: Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara-390007, having its head office at M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., No.1, Shobha Pearl, 2nd Floor, MG Road, Commissariat Road, Bangalore-560025, and branch office at: 4/10, Mythree tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur main road, Bengaluru- 560068 through its Authorised representative. ...Plaintiff
And:
Santhosh kumar T ...Defendants

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT B WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendants:
1. Santhosh Kumar T S/o Thimarayappa, Aged about 29 Years, R/at. No.01, 1st Floor, 9th Cross, Near Govt School, Chikka Banaswadi Main Road, Bangalore- 560043.
Also at:
No. 22, AK Colony, Nagawara, Bangalore- 560045

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of **Rs.4,45,179.96/-** along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-61), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 13/03/2023 at 11:00 A.M to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 13th day of February, 2023 at Bangalore.

By Order of the Hon. Court,
Assistant Registrar
Hon'ble City Court, Bengaluru
Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners,
Advocates,
No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road, Bengaluru -01.

IN THE COURT OF THE LXIX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-70)
O.S No. 6944/2022

Between: M/s ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara-390007 having its head office at and Zonal office at : 4/10, Mytree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 And also having branch at MG Road, Bengaluru through its Authorised representative Mr. Rohith Ali M. ...Plaintiff
And :
Mr. Shashank Dixit ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant:
Mr. Shashank Dixit, S/o. Anil Kumar Dixit, Aged About 35 Years, R/at No.41/3, Flat No.207, Apurva Elite, Radha Reddy Layout, Opp. Polaris Apartment, Doddakannalli, Carmelaram, Bangalore-560035.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 10,54,180.42/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LXIX Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.70), in person or by a pleader, on the day of **04/04/2023** at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 21st day of February, 2023 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru
Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
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IN THE COURT OF THE SC/ST COURT CUM ADDL. DISTRICT JUDGE. ANANTHAPURAMU
E.P.No:145/2021 in O.S.No:45/2017

Between:
D.Madhu ...Decree Holder
and
K.Sri Vani ... Judgement Debtor

NOTICE TO J.Dr

To, **K.Sri Vani** W/o K. Devendrappa, Residing at 2 nd Floor, Rajdham,Raj Manchan Apartment,Ananda Nagar, Bangalore City, Karnataka State.

Please take notice that the above E.P Stands posted to **06-03-2023** for your appearance. Please attend before the above mentioned Court at **10-30 A.M 06-03-2023** either in person or through Advocate failing which the matter will be proceed exparte.

(By order of the Court)
H.RAMASUBRAMANYAM, Advocate
Ananthapuramu. Cell: 9885734278

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE PRINCIPAL FAMILY COURT - CUM ADDL. CHIEF JUDGE CITY CIVIL COURT AI' HYDERABAD
FCOP.N0.373 OF 2022

Between:
M/s. Shettv Shivani ...Petitioner
And
B.Vijav Kumar S/o Parshuram Bandapatti Aged 26 yrs, R/o H.No.10-234/27 Near Gachinimani Hospital Banashankari Layout, Kalaburgi - 585103 Karnataka State ...Respondent

Please take notice that the above-named Petitioner had filed the above Petition under Section 13 1 (ia)(ib) of Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 against you the Respondent and the same was registered as OP. No. 373 of 2022 and the Hor'ble Court has adjourned the above said matter to 28.03.2023 for your appearance. Please be present before the above-named court on 28.03.2023 at 10.30AM either in person or through your advocate, failing which the matter shall be decided in your absence and based upon merits.

(BY ORDER OF COURT)

P.SUMITRA, Advocate
2nd Floor, SVSKLMansion, 3-6-369/A/18, St. No. 1, Himayathnagar, Hyd-29, PH: 27611261

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on or before 15th March 2023.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Balancing act: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin in New Delhi in 2021. KRISHNAN V. V.

India should stick to the middle path in the new world disorder

The arena of the looming U.S.-China great power contest is Asia. Instead of aligning with any bloc, India should aim to create new pillars of the global order through engagement and partnership with middle powers

Stanly Johny

India has once again abstained from voting in a United Nations General Assembly resolution that condemns Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The country has consistently resisted international pressure to criticise Russia and its actions. In this article dated May 31, 2022, Stanly Johny explains why India should follow a path of multi-engagement and not multi-alignment.

Since the end of the Second World War, the global order has seen two major transitions. After the War, a bipolar world, led by the U.S. and the Soviet Union, emerged. Following the disintegration of the Soviet Union in 1991, unipolarity replaced bipolarity, with the U.S. being its centre. There have been discussions for the past several years whether American unipolarity has passed. Now, there are more signs, from China's rapid rise to Russia's aggressive foreign policy, to suggest that the global order is undergoing another (third) transition.

While many governments, including India, Russia and China, welcome multipolarity, the U.S. remains the world's most powerful military power. But the U.S.'s ability to shape geopolitical outcomes is clearly in decline, as was seen in its withdrawal from Afghanistan after 20 years of war or the Russian invasion of Ukraine, challenging the post-Cold War security equilibrium in Europe. These changes actually leave the world in a flux. There's a lack of clarity on which direction the world is headed, which makes policymaking harder for middle powers like India.

Non-alignment success

When India became independent, the Cold War was still in its early stages. For a newly free country with enormous challenges in an ideologically and geopolitically divided world, managing its foreign policy itself was a daunting task. But a long view of India's foreign policy trajectory would tell us that India, which adopted non-alignment as a foreign policy doctrine, did well in managing most of its challenges. The conventional wisdom about India in the Cold War period was that it was too idealistic. But that is a simplistic way of reading India's foreign policy choices. India has actually been flexible in readapting itself to the changes in the global and regional equations.

If in the 1950s, Jawaharlal Nehru had opposed Zhou Enlai's proposal for a permanent Afro-Asian Secretariat saying it would create yet another bloc, the same Nehru would support turning non-alignment into a movement in the 1960s, after CENTO (Central Treaty Organization) and SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization) were formed. If in the 1950s and 1960s, India maintained equidistance from both blocs, living up to the true spirit of non-alignment, in the 1970s, after China fell out with the Soviet Union and started moving closer to the U.S., it started tilting towards the Soviet Union, but stayed out of any Soviet-led military alliances. When the Soviet Union collapsed, India sought to transform its ties with the U.S. and integrate itself with the global economy in the new era of globalisation. But it also maintained close defence and strategic ties with Russia and built a vibrant economic partnership with China.

Present tense

But in making choices, India faces an entirely new set of challenges in the new global disorder. If the centre of the Cold War was Europe, the arena of the looming U.S.-China great power contest is Asia. It is unfolding right in India's neighbourhood, and even if it stays out of it, it will feel the heat.

Second, during the Cold War, India didn't have hostile relations with any of the opposing superpowers. Today, India would be tempted to join the American bloc as it faces the China problem. The power imbalance between India and China, which shared similar economic clout in the 1970s, has widened in recent years. China has also developed a strategic partnership with Pakistan, and is raising its influence in other South Asian and Indian Ocean countries. Besides, the decades-long border peace between India and China collapsed in 2020 when Chinese troops attacked Indian soldiers in the Galwan Valley in the Himalayas. So on all fronts, India faces the heat of China's rise. And with China and India rising further, this friction is likely to get more heated.

There is a convergence of interests between India and the U.S. when it comes to China. The U.S. sees China as a long-term threat to the liberal international order. India sees China as a close competitor whose rise is changing the regional balance of power. So it makes sense for India to build deeper ties with the West, particularly the U.S., in tackling the China challenge. But Russia's invasion of Ukraine has complicated India's options further.

Russia is a traditional partner with which India has deep defence ties. As the West has moved to isolate Russia with heavy sanctions in response to its aggression in Ukraine, India is under huge pressure from its partners to take a more critical position on Russia's actions. Besides, India also worries that the West's move to isolate Russia in Europe would push the country further into the Chinese embrace. Any policy decisions should factor in these delicate changes under way in global politics.

Learning from China

Primarily, India should prepare itself for a prolonged strategic competition with China. India could perhaps learn a lesson from what China did in the 1970s. The Soviet Union was China's ideological brother and neighbour. But China did not want to play second fiddle to the Soviets. It broke away from the Soviet communist fold and built a quasi alliance with the U.S. and helped the 'imperialist bloc' defeat the Soviet communists. And once it acquired enough economic and military power, China started gradually challenging the U.S., which has led to today's open contest.

Likewise, India's primary focus should be on transforming itself economically and militarily. It should stay focussed on its rise and bridging the gap with China. It should present itself as a natural stabilising power in South Asia and the Indian Ocean Region, and a source of prosperity at a time when China is making inroads into the region. This cannot be achieved unless India keeps its social cohesion intact and continues to grow.

Continental nuances

However, China is not the only problem India faces. It's a continental and maritime power in Asia. While China poses serious challenges to India's maritime influence, in continental Asia, India sees a different set of challenges, especially after the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan and the Taliban's return to power. To address its continental security challenges and manage its inroads into Central Asia, India has to work with Eurasian powers such as Russia and Iran, both of which are at odds with the U.S. So, abandoning its strategic autonomy and joining a U.S.-led bloc would, in fact, limit India's options in the new world, besides provoking China. Managed friction on the border might be the new norm but an open conflict with China doesn't serve India's strategic interests.

Furthermore, even if a new cold war breaks out between the U.S. and China, the global order is unlikely to be bipolar. During the Cold War, the world was divided into two ideologies and two systems. Today's world is much more diverse ideologically and integrated economically. While the U.S. is trying to drive a narrative of democracies versus autocracies, especially against the background of the Ukraine war, it has not gained traction outside the U.S.'s traditional western alliances. There could be many power centres in the new world order and India should opt for multi-engagement (not multi-alignment as some experts have suggested) for a multipolar world. Instead of being sucked into any bloc, it should aim to create new pillars of the new order by engagement and partnership with middle powers.

KEYWORD

How price signals guide the allocation of goods

Prashanth Perumal

Price signal refers to the information that prices convey to both producers and consumers in a market economy. In particular, prices signal the relative scarcity of different goods in an economy when measured against the competing demands for these goods among consumers. Producers and consumers, in turn, respond to these price signals by modifying their behaviour accordingly. For example, when the price of water is high due to its limited supply in the market, consumers will have a greater incentive to use water more sparingly. Water producers, on the other hand, will have a greater incentive to bring more water into the market; this is because the high price of water offers them an opportunity to earn higher profits.

The flow of goods

Prices in a way thus coordinate the production and distribution of goods and services across the modern economy. This allocation of resources in large economies happens despite the absence of a central planner to direct the allocation. Prices act as market signals that inform possibly millions of people what to produce based on consumer demand. For example, the price of wheat will influence the decisions of millions of farmers whether to cultivate more or less of it during the next farming season. Similarly, the price of wheat will also influence the decisions of millions of households in the country on whether they should increase or cut down their daily wheat consumption. All of this happens spontaneously without any government bureaucracy telling people what to do. The signaling role of prices can also help us predict the likely effects of attempts by governments to manipulate prices. For example, a government might want to make water more affordable during summer and decide to impose a cap on the price of water. This would have a negative impact on the supply of water since the price system in this case is stopped from doing its job of signaling the scarcity of resources. If the price of water is stopped from rising above a certain level by the means of a price cap, this will have two effects. On the one hand, people will have very little reason to use water sparingly as they might if the price of water were allowed to rise to reflect the underlying scarcity of water during summers. On the other hand, when producers are stopped from selling water at a price above the price cap set by the government, they will have less incentive to increase water supply. Both these factors combined could lead to a water shortage wherein the quantity of water demanded is higher than the supply that is available in the market. So, even if consumers were willing to pay the price of water set by the government, the supply to fulfill such demand would not be available.

Some economists have also argued that monetary policy, wherein a central bank regulates the supply of money in the economy, can have adverse effects by compromising the ability of prices to signal properly. They argue that by disturbing price signals, monetary policy can lead to the misallocation of resources. This, they argue, is the reason behind booms and busts in the market economy.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

On this date in 1872, Yellowstone National Park, the world's first national park, was established in the U.S. A quiz on National Parks and reserves in India

V.V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1
Which famous National park in South India gets its name which means 'Serpent River' in the local language?

QUESTION 2
Which National park in central India inspired the setting for Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*?

QUESTION 3
Established in 1936 and named after one William Malcolm Hailey, a governor of the United Provinces, this well-known park is now named after a hunter-turned-conservationist. Which park?

QUESTION 4
In which State is the Mahavir Harina Vanasthali National Park?

QUESTION 5
Spread over an area of 5,937 sq. km, which is the largest of the designated Tiger Reserves in India?

QUESTION 6
The Dachigam National Park located near Srinagar is considered the last and biggest refuge for which endangered member of the deer family?

QUESTION 7
How did the Silent Valley, a National park in Kerala, get its name?

Visual question:
This is the Lokatak Lake known for the scattering of biomass swamps and the location of the world's only floating national park. What are the swamps and the park called? ISTOCKPHOTO

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The Austrian physicist who predicted the Raman effect in theory. **Ans: Adolf Smekal**
2. The discoverers of the Raman effect in gases and crystals. **Ans: Grigory Landsberg and Leonid Mandelstam in crystals; Jean Cabannes, Pierre Daure and Yves Rocard in gases**
3. The student who used the term 'Raman effect' for the first time. **Ans: L.A. Ramdas**
4. The person who suggested observing February 28 as National Science Day. **Ans: Narender Kumar Sehgal**
5. The founder of the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS), Calcutta. **Ans: Mahendralal Sircar**
6. The part-time researcher who made an observation which led to the discovery of the Raman effect. **Ans: S. Venkateswaran**
Visual: The name of this ship. **Ans: SS Narkunda. Raman's work was motivated in part by his observations of the colour of the Mediterranean Sea as he sailed across it in November 1921, on board the SS Narkunda**
Early Birds: Dikra Noureen

Word of the day

Reminiscent:
serving to bring to mind

Synonyms: remindful, resonant, evocative

Usage: *The new film is reminiscent of the good old days.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/reminiscentpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˌrɛmɪˈnɪsnt/

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Man arrested for keeping jackal as pet

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Officials of the CID forest cell on Monday arrested a 42-year-old poultry farm owner from Nagavalli village of Tumakuru district and rescued a jackal which he was keeping as a pet.

Based on a tip-off, a team of officials raided his farm and rescued the jackal from the cage. The accused, Lakshmikantha, told the officials that he had caught the jackal seven months ago and was keeping it as a "lucky charm".

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RISE 15:13	SET 03:41

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Bengaluru Today
31°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be warm. Night also will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
32°C A dry weather to continue. Day will be warm and uneasy. Night will be slight cool with haze and mist.

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BMRCL gets safety clearance to run metro from K.R. Puram to Whitefield

Pending work will be completed in the next 10 days and the line opened for commercial operations after March 15, says BMRCL MD

Suchith Kidiyoor
BENGALURU

The safety clearance has been issued with several riders that include completion of pending work at the metro stations before opening the line for public use. K. MURALI KUMAR

People living in East Bengaluru and professionals working in the Whitefield area have a reason to cheer. On Tuesday, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) received safety clearance from the Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety to start commercial operations between K.R. Puram and Whitefield.

The authorisation has been issued with several riders that include completion of pending work at the metro station before opening the line for public use. Confirming the development, BMRCL Managing Director Anjum Parwez told *The Hindu* that the BMRCL will comply with the riders and apprise the same to the CMRS.

"Usually, while issuing safety clearance, the CMRS makes some observations and gives directions. Some finishing works which are pending will be completed in the next 10 to 12 days. Thereafter, we will submit the compliance report to the CMRS. We will start the commercial operations after March 15."

He added that additional workers are being employed to complete the work, from the earlier 1,200 to 1,400.

The 13.71 km of Namma Metro from K.R. Puram to Whitefield is part of the extended Purple Line from Baiyappanahalli to Whitefield (15.5km).

The statutory inspection by CMRS Abhai Kumar Rai and his team was carried out between February 22 and 24.

The team had inspected operational safety, traction and power supply, signalling system, viaduct, tracks and curve, passenger amenities at metro stations, fire fighting system, passenger information systems, and others.

On the line, 12 metro stations will be opened: Whitefield, Channasandra, Kadugodi, Pattandur Agrahara, Sri Satya Sai Hospital, Nallur Halli, Kundalahalli, Seetharam Palya, Hoodi Junction, Garudacharpalya, Mahadevapura, and K.R.Puram.

The line between Baiyappanahalli and K.R. Puram is expected to be opened by mid-year. At present, under Phase I and Phase II of Namma Metro, the BMRCL is operating 55 km of metro lines.

With the opening of the Whitefield line, people will be able to travel from Kengeri to Whitefield under the Purple Line. The Green Line is operational from Silk Institute to Nagasandra.

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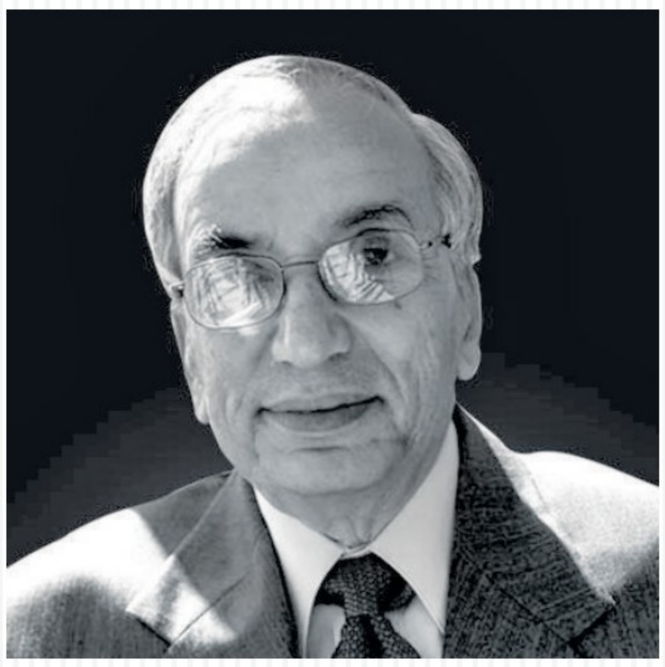

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H.S. SRINIVAS
Group Vice Chairperson | RMZ Corp

It is with immense grief and a profound sense of loss that we inform the peaceful passing of Mr. H.S. Srinivas on 27th February 2023, surrounded by his family.

As a Group Vice Chairman and a founding member Mr. H.S. Srinivas laid the foundation and the pillars for where RMZ Corp stands today.

With his passing away, we have lost a wonderful guide and a mentor.

Sir, your contribution was invaluable, your brilliance incomparable, your humility heart-warming, and your kindness boundless, touching the hearts and lives of many. It was indeed a blessing for us to have known you, to have learnt from your philanthropy and to have you by our side, every step of the way.

You will always be remembered with love and gratitude, your life and distinguished service is an inspiration to all of us at RMZ Corp. You will be missed.

We pray to the Almighty that the departed soul rest in peace and give strength to the family to bear this irreparable loss.

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The job market puts out 'green shoots'

The climate crisis has birthed the need for a whole new set of professionals. A recent report by job portal foundit pegs the annual increase in demand for sustainability-related jobs at 81%

Progress and crisis demand an almost similar response. People have to don new roles to sustain the progress. The smartphone revolution has made "cellphone doctors" – as some repairers of mobile phones like to call themselves – an ubiquitous breed of professionals. Similarly, crisis forces people to extend their roles and deal with the unknown. If the crisis is of an unprecedented nature, whole new roles have to be carved out. Climate change has ushered a radically new set of professionals into the job market. One can be a climate engineer or a sustainability manager now without drawing brows knitted in curiosity. The novelty around these job roles has almost worn off.

Through specialised courses, universities equip students for this emerging category, "Green Jobs". And it a rapidly growing job segment, the recent corroboration coming from new data released by job portal foundit (formerly, Monster).

There has been an 81% annual increase in demand for green jobs in January 2023 with metropolitan cities driving it, says the foundit data which the job portal has released in the form of a report, complete with commentaries that make sense of the numbers. The period considered for data collection is from January 2022 to January 2023.

As per the data, 64% month-on-month growth was reflected in green job postings, with industries such as those dealing in industrial products, heavy machinery and waste management hosting the maximum share in hiring demand.

Delhi in pole position

Delhi/NCR registered a year-on-year growth of 289%, followed by Mumbai at 216% and Bengaluru at 174%. This surge can be attributed to the growing emphasis on creating a green economy in urban India. Furthermore, rapid urbanisation has necessitated the need for specialised roles in addressing air quality, waste management, land degradation and clean transport segments among others, says the report.

Sustainability managers

Among job roles, sustainability managers (26%) are highest in demand as companies across construction and manufacturing consciously try to account for the environmental impact of their activities. Other roles in demand include environmental consultants (11%), ESG analysts (17%), safety specialists (15%), and design engineers (9%).

Astounding growth

Environmental Service and Waste Management industries experienced an astounding 1765% annual growth in hiring activity. This surge can be attributed to the growing consciousness among Indian companies to safeguard natural resources and ensure proper waste disposal, the report notes.

The automobile industry (307%) has also seen a rise in demand for green professionals, with active measures being taken to cap transport emissions. These measures include designing sustainably, making better use of manufacturing resources and sourcing ethically and responsibly.

Auto manufacturers are also investing heavily in electric vehicles (EVs) to reduce their environmental impact.

Additionally, the demand for green professionals is high in chemicals, petrochemicals, plastics, and rubber (220%) industries followed by FMCG (42%) and construction (30%).

Upskilling matters

With the rising green economy giving birth to newer job roles, there is an urgent need to create a workforce adept in newer skills, many of which are related to technology.

Women professionals for climate action

Climate Asia and Women at Work are organising a virtual panel discussion on "Green Jobs for Women: A Path to Climate Solutions" on March 6 at 5 p.m. A diverse group of professionals from non-profit organisations whose work intersects climate action and sustainable livelihood will be part of the panel. The objective of the conversation is to spur action and advance efforts towards a sustainable future in which women participate equally in the transition towards a green economy, said a release.

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Organisations in the retail sector have their work cut out. They have to put a smile on the customer's face: Apart from the tie, the sales force at the counter has to wear their amiability, courtesy and smile right. And the organisation has to also make sure its employees do not lose their smile the moment the customer traipses out of the store.

In the seventh edition of "India's Best Workplaces in Retail", Retailers Association of India (RAI) and Great Place To Work India assessed 42 organisations in the retail sector for a variety of such factors that contribute to a great work environment. The organisations that finished in the top ten, are (in alphabetical order): Barbeque-Nation Hospitality Limited; Celio Future Fashion Private Ltd; Hardcastle Restaurants Pvt. Ltd; Infiniti Retail Limited; Lifestyle International Pvt Ltd; Marks and Spencer Reliance India Pvt Ltd; Max Hypermarkets India Private Limited; Reliance Retail Limited; Shoppers Stop Ltd; and Titan Company Ltd. In the e-commerce retail category Bigbasket; Flipkart Internet Private Limited and REA India Pte. Ltd were honoured.

Among the best practices by the companies the report touched upon was how Flipkart Internet promotes innovation and collaboration among employees, under what it calls 'Project 1K'. This project encourages employees to execute self-initialised ideas that have the potential to impact customers and the company. Similarly, Marks and Spencer has a programme aimed at raising high-potential managers for larger roles by exposing them to alternative perspectives and processes. The programme aims to identify potential, build self-awareness and develop key skills through transformational experiences.

According to the report, retail is outshining every other industry across all workplace culture aspects. Leaders have been able to uphold employee sentiment for the last four years at 88%.

NEWS BYTES

Startup accelerator programme

Mondelēz International is inviting applicants for its global startup accelerator programme 'CoLab' to be executed in partnership with Huddle, an accelerator and fund for early-stage ventures. The 12-week programme would offer participants tools, technologies, access to networks and the opportunity to raise early-stage equity capital from Huddle and other potential ventures.

Seven startups that will be chosen by a team of internal and external experts will receive a grant, says a press release. Startups that are disruptive in the snacking category by being purposefully innovative in food production and packaging, challenging marketing and branding norms, running a differentiated business, driving growth through new avenues can apply, says the release. The disruptions should be applicable to chocolates, cookies, crackers, in-store bakery or bars.

For details, visit https://huddle.work/MondelezColabIndia/

An initiative for women engineers

TalentSprint has announced the fifth edition of its Women Engineers (WE) programme, supported by Google. The programme selects, trains and nurtures 200 first-year women engineering students from across the country to become software engineers. Full fee scholarship and ₹100,000 reward cash scholarship to every selected student is offered, says a press release.

The two-year intensive programme includes learning from top-notch faculty and industry experts with mentorship from engineers and technology leaders at Google. First-year women students pursuing B.Tech or B.E, specialising in IT, CSE, ECE, EEE, AI, Math, Applied Math or an equivalent course and having scored marks over 70% in their 10th and 12th are eligible for this programme.

Almost 34% of the students who have attended the programme so far are first-generation graduates and over 25% of them have come from rural India, the release adds.

For details, visit we.talentsprint.com

For careers in cloud technology

Amazon Web Service has started a new programme to prepare individuals for careers in cloud technology. According to a press release, AWS re/Start Associate is a cohort-based workforce development training programme that prepares individuals for careers in the cloud and connects them to potential employers. A technology background is not required to apply for the programme, which is offered free to the learner and focused on helping unemployed or underemployed individuals launch a new career, says the release.

re/Start also provides learners with professional skills training (including resume and interview coaching) to prepare them for employer meetings and job interviews. For details, visit aws.amazon.com/training/restart/

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No reservation in professional courses under EWS quota

The Supreme Court upheld the constitutional validity of the law granting 10% reservation to EWS communities in November 2022

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The lack of clarity on the implementation of the 10% reservation for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and revised reservation quota for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) has resulted in depriving thousands of eligible candidates from entry into professional courses for the next academic year.

Despite a Supreme Court order, there is no clarity in the State government about implementation of the EWS quota in the professional courses seat sharing. On the other hand, though there was an order of the government on SCs and STs reservation increased by 2% and 4% respectively, the Department of Technical Education has not given any instruction to the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) to apply this in the seat sharing for the next academic year.

> Neither the State government nor the Technical Education Department has given any instruction about the reservation of EWS quota or SC, ST additional quota seats. If the government will take any decision in the future, we will follow those instructions.
>
> **RAMYA S.,**
> Executive Director of KEA

SC order

The Supreme Court upheld the constitutional validity of the law granting 10% reservation to EWS communities in November 2022.

However, amidst the demand for hiking reservation for Vokkaligas and Lingayats in the State, the government has entrusted the process to the Backward Classes Commission. This will take another five to six months.

Recently, the State government increased the reservation for SCs from 15% to 17%, and for STs from 3% to 7% in December, 2022. The government also ordered that the reservation be implemented with immediate effect in education, employment and government benefits.

The KEA is planning to announce the schedule of the Common Entrance Test (CET 2023), which is the gateway for professional courses like engineering, in the State.

But with the lack of clarity about the implementation of the EWS quota, the KEA has not included it in the online application and will not reserve seats either.

At the same time, despite the government order, the Department of Technical Education has not inform anything to KEA about additional reservation for the SC, ST students.

Therefore, the KEA is not facilitating additional seats to these communities.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Ramya S., Executive Director of KEA, said: "Neither the State government nor the Technical Education Department has given any instruction about the reservation of EWS quota or SC, ST additional quota seats. If the government will take any decision in the future, we will follow those instructions".

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (March 1, Wednesday), the following explainer is available:

- On regulating online sale of drugs in India
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Visitors going through the live science demonstrations in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Open Day at Raman Research Institute to mark 'Science Day'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

About 800 school students from various government and private schools in and around Bengaluru participated in the Open Day event, to mark the National Science Day at the Raman Research Institute (RRI) on Tuesday.

RRI's PhD and post-doctoral students along with the scientific staff put together 30 science models and live demonstrations for the visitors, which also included science enthusiasts and the public.

On the occasion, former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman K. Kasturirangan, inaugurated the Archival Gallery at RRI.

The Archival Gallery is an unique, one-stop place offering visitors an opportunity to learn about the life and science of Indian Nobel Laureate Sir C.V. Raman, who founded the institute in 1948.

Further, the gallery offers a glimpse into some of the major scientific results from its four core themes, namely astronomy and astrophysics, soft condensed matter, light and matter physics and theoretical physics, as well as the facilities which provide able technological support for the frontier research that happens at the institute. The institute said that it took over two years for the completion of the gallery which is a joint effort by members across the institute.

A special cover themed on the National Science Day celebrated every year to mark the discovery of the Raman Effect was also released.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Procurement Portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invites tenders through e-Procurement for below mentioned work:

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For further information, contact below mentioned office address: **Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru, Telephone No. 080-22273511/ 080-22100077. Website : https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

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e-mail :- knnl@knnlindia.com ಫೋನ್ :0836–2315225 ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್:2315226.
Website:- www.knnlindia.com **e-mail :-eemrbcc3byt@gmail.com**
ಸಂ.ಕನೀನಿನಿ/ಮಬದವಿ–3/ಎ.ಇ–1/ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ/2022–23/2988 ದಿ:28/02/2023

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರ್ ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಮಬದಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ಸಂ.3, ಬ್ಯಾಹಟ್ಟಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 4701 M & MI ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ ಅಡಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ ನಂಬರಿನ 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಶೇಕಡಾವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಮೂಲಕ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

Work Indent No :-36218
ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: ರೂ.300.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು
ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ:– ರೂ.4.46 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು

ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08/03/2023 ರ 4.00 pm** ತನಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10/03/2023 ರಂದು ಮುಂಜಾನೆ: 11.00 am** ರಿಂದ. ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರೀ ಬಿಡ್ ಸಭೆ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04/03/2023** ರಂದು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು, ಕನೀನಿನಿ ಮಬದಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ಸಂ.3 ಬ್ಯಾಹಟ್ಟಿ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿವಾರು ಇತರೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬಸೈಟ್ ಮುಖೇನ **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಚೇರಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0836–2315225 ನ್ನು ಕಚೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು
ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ಮಬದಕಾನಿ ವಿಭಾಗ ನಂ. 3 ಬ್ಯಾಹಟ್ಟಿ
ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಧಾ/1169/2022–23/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿಟಿ

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that My client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from owners Mr.K.Jayanna S/o. late.Kamanna, Smt. Radhamma and her children Smt. Asha K., Sri. Muniraju K. (wife and Children of Late Sri. Krishnappa C.V.).

Therefore, any person(s) having any claims, objection, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/claims/details of dispute/s within Seven (07) days from the date of this publication, failing which the proposed purchaser will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above owner as if there are no third party claims/objections/disputes in respect of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/objections/disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcels of the agricultural lands bearing Survey Nos. detailed below, situated at O.B Choodahalli, Uttarahalli 2 Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, Karnataka-560082.

Sl No.	Sy Nos.	Extent		Boundaries
		Acres	Guntas	
1	17/1	00	11	E: Sy No.17/8 belonging to K.Jayanna. W: Sy No.15/4 belonging to K.Jayanna and Pathway. N: Land belonging to G.Nandeesha. S: Sy No.17/2 belonging to K.Jayanna.
2	17/8	00	18	E: Sy No.17/13 belonging to K.Jayanna. W: Sy No.17/2 belonging to K.Jayanna. N: Land belonging to G.Nandeesha. S: Sy No.17/2 belonging to K.Jayanna.
3	17/9	00	07	E: Sarkari Halla. W: Sy No.17/8 belonging to K.Jayanna. N: Land belonging to G.Nandeesha. S: Sy No17/13 belonging to K.Jayanna.
4	17/13	00	05	E: Sarkari Halla. W: Sy No.17/8 belonging to K.Jayanna. N: Sy No.17/9 belonging to K.Jayanna. S: Sy No.17/10 belonging to K.Jayanna.
Totally admeasuring		**01**	**01**	

Sd/-
Suraj. M.N. Advocate,
Place: Bengaluru
Date: 01/03/2023
Mallasandra, Nadavathi Post, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore-560067
Mob: 98800866774
Mail: advocatesurajmandur@gmail.com

Government of Karnataka
(Karnataka Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, DIVISION KALABURGI-585105
No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2022-23/3563 Dated : 24-02-2023

E-PROCURMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below

The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through E-procurment system only 1) Name of work: **Jewargi Taluka -01 (Indent No 54795)**, 2) Head of A/C: JJM, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class- III & Above, 4) Tender Amount: Min **1,12,55,970/-, Max 1,12,55,970/-** 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document: **25-02-2023**, 6) Cost of tender form and EMD: As per E-portal, 7) Pre bid meeting date: **03-03-2023 11.00am**, 8) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal: **06-03-2023 4.00pm,** 9) Opening of Techincal Bid: **07-03-2023 4.01pm,** 10) Opening of Financial Bid: **09-03-2023 11:00am,** 11) Address forany clarification reg.tender: Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/1372/MC&A/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI www.midnglb@rediffmail.com, Phone : 08472 -220196
IFT No. EE/MI &GWD D/KAL/PB-4/2022-23/ 4987 DATED : 24-02-2023

-: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT KW-4) :-

1) Detail of work : THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI INVITES TENDER FROM THE ELIGIBLE TENDERERS FOR THE WORK UNDER P.M.K.S.Y. FOR THE YEAR 2022-23, 2) Amount of Estimate : **Max. Rs. 647,45,479.33, Min. Rs. 59,77,660.21**, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: K.P.W.D. Regd. Class-1 Civil Contractor, 4) Details of Tender application amount and EMD amount: Tender Fee As Per e-Portal E.M.D. Max. Rs. 9,71,200.00 Min. Rs. 1,19,600.00, 5) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: **06-03-2023 Upto 11.00 Hours,** 6) Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders: **07-03-2023 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 7) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **08-03-2023 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 8) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid : **09-03-2023 Up to 17.30 Hours,** 9) Addl. information: Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Kalaburagi, 10) Address of E-Portal. : **www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**

Executive Engineer
DIPR/Kalaburagi/1379/MC&A/2022-23 **Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Kalaburagi**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my client intends to purchase the property described in the schedule hereunder from its present owner **Mr.Karthigasan Kuppusamy,** aged about 75 years, son of late Kuppusamy, residing at No.10, Jalan Rosa, Idamansara Changkat Semantan, Bukit Damansara Height, Kuala Lumpur-50490, Malaysia, he having acquired title to the same by Sale Deed dated 21.02.2014 registered as Document DNH-1-09469 /2013-14 of Book I, stored in CD No.DNHD371 at the office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli.

All persons having or claiming any right, title, estate or interest by way of inheritance, share, sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, tenancy, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, devise, bequest, exchange, pre-emption, possession or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever into or upon the Schedule Property herein below described are called upon to intimate the same in writing to the undersigned at the below given address along with all the documents relating to such claim within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which any such claim of any party shall be deemed to have been waived for all legal practical purposes and shall not be entertained hereafter and I shall opine that the Schedule Property is free of any claims and my client will be free to proceed with the proposed purchase of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Site bearing **No.47** (Khata No.113/47) PID No. 150300200400500047 measuring East to West: 58.6 feet and North to South: 85.3 feet in all measuring **5000 square feet** together with a 4 Bedroom Villa comprising of Ground & First Floor having 4303.842 sq.ft of SBA in the layout known as **"Sobha Lifestyle"** situated at Thimmegowdana Hosahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded as follows:

East : Site No.48;
West : Site No.46;
North : Site No.55;
South : 12 mts wide Layout Road.

Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
Vir Anthony Britto
Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038
Place: Bengaluru Date: 28.02.2023

TUNGABHADRA BOARD: TB DAM
e-Procurement Notice IFB Nos.197/2022-23 Dt. 27.02.2023 & 156/2022-23 Dt.24.01.2023 (2nd Call)

Tender for 02 Nos. of works under various categories in respect of HW & HLC Division, TB Dam and LLC Division, Ballari is invited through e-Procurement'.

Bid Document downloading Start Date & Time	:	01.03.2023 at 11.00 AM
Bid Document downloading End Date & Time (IFB No. 197/2022-23) :	:	14.03.2023 at 3.00 PM
Bid Submission End Date & Time (IFB No. 197/2022-23) :	:	14.03.2023 at 5.30 PM
Date of opening of PQ Stage : (IFB No.197/2022-23)	:	15.03.2023 at 11.00 AM
Date of opening of Commerical Stage*: (IFB No.197/2022-23)	:	17.03.2023 at 11.00 AM
Date of opening of TQ Stage: (IFB No.197/2022-23)	:	17.03.2023 at 3.00 PM
Bid Document Downloading End Date & TIme: (IFB No.156/2022-23(2nd Call))	:	08.03.2023 at 3.00 PM
Bid Submission End Date & Time: (IFB No. 156/202-23 (2nd Call))	:	08.03.2023 at 5.30 PM
Date of Opening of Commercial Stage (IFB No. 156/2022-23(2nd Call))	:	08.03.2023 at 6.00 PM

Further details can be seen @ **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in**
* Commencement of E-Auction.
✆:08394 – 259114
Fax 08394 - 259167
Sd/- **Superintending Engineer**
I.B, TB Board, TB Dam

Cong. workers protest against proposed toll collection on expressway

They demand that the National Highways Authority of India collect toll only after completing service roads and other pending work

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Congress workers staged a protest against the proposed collection of toll for the Bengaluru - Mysuru expressway on Tuesday.

They demanded that the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) collect toll only after completing service roads and other pending work.

Protesters blocked the traffic near the Seshagirihalli toll plaza. "The NHAI is planning to collect the toll without completing the service road works. Once I should travel on the service road see how pathetic it is. We will not allow them to collect fees till they complete the pending works," a protester said.

KPCC spokesperson M. Lakshmana (centre) addressing reporters in Mysuru on Tuesday. M.A. SRIRAM

Plan changed

The NHAI had initially planned to collect toll from Tuesday for using the newly built six-lane road from Bengaluru to Nidaghatta.

However, citing "unavoidable reasons", it deferred the collection of toll till March 14.

On March 11, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to inaugurate the infrastructure.

Black flag demonstration planned in Mysuru against 'exorbitant' toll

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The Congress party will hold a black flag demonstration in protest against the 'exorbitant' toll levied on motorists using the Bengaluru-Mysuru expressway.

Addressing a press conference in Mysuru on Tuesday, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) spokesperson M. Lakshmana said the black flag demonstration will be held in Mysuru when Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates the expressway.

The expressway is scheduled to be inaugurated by Mr. Modi in Mandya on March 12.

Mr. Lakshmana said he had received instructions from KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar to give a call to the Congress workers as well as the general public to protest against what he termed as 'extortion' in the name of collection of toll.

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) had recently announced a levy of ₹135 on about 55 km of the road, but the collection of toll had been temporarily put off till March 14.

The toll on the entire stretch of 118 km is expected to be around ₹300, Mr. Lakshmana said.

BPO staffer stabbed to death for rejecting friend's proposal

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 25-year-old BPO employee was stabbed to death, allegedly by her friend for rejecting his marriage proposal, in Murugeshpalya, J.B. Nagar, on Tuesday evening.

The accused allegedly stabbed the victim multiple times, killing her on the spot.

The deceased was identified as Leela Pavithra Nalamat, 25, an MSc graduate from Andhra Pradesh.

She was working with a healthcare service firm situated in Murugeshpalya, while the accused, Dinakar Banala, 28, also from Andhra Prdeash, was working in another healthcare service firm in Domlur.

According to the police, the duo was in relationship for the past five years but recently, their parents refused to give their consent for the marriage, citing caste differences .

According to the police, Dinakar was upset and but failed to convince Leela. Enraged by this, on Tuesday, he went to meet Ms. Leela at her workplace, called her outside, and stabbed her multiple times, killing her on the spot, said the police.

The JB Nagar police have registered a case of murder and are looking out for the accused.

IISc. incubated start-up develops indigenous diagnostic kit for sickle cell anaemia

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

ShanMukha Innovations, a start-up incubated by the Society for Innovation and Development at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), has developed SickleCert, India's first indigenous diagnostic kit for sickle cell anemia.

"The technology we have developed provides an affordable and efficient solution to screen large populations as a point of care test. With a tiny amount of blood from a fingerprick, the test provides highly accurate results in 15 minutes. In batch mode over 40 samples can be tested in an hour enabling a large volume of screenings to be completed in a much shorter time span," said Sai Siva Gorthi, Principal Investigator, lead inventor of the technology.

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation had approved the manufacturing license for SickleCert kits for ShanMukha Innovations as a Class C in-vitro diagnostic medical device in November 2022.

In February this year, multi-centric field studies were successfully carried out as prescribed by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) across tribal districts in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

The startup said that the tests yielded an accuracy measure of 97.6%, with a sensitivity of 96.9% and a specificity of 98.6%.

The field studies also confirmed the operational feasibility of the tests for point of care use as well its cost effectiveness.

The formal Health Technology Assessment report is being compiled by the Department of Health Research and would be shared with the National Health Mission for updating the national guidelines for sickle-cell anemia, the start-up said.

Sickle cell anemia is caused by a defective gene, Haemoglobin S, which causes flexible red blood cells to become stiff sickle-shaped cells, obstructing blood flow and increasing the risk of organ damage.

As sickle cell anemia is an inherited condition, a person with sickle cell trait only inherits one defective gene, whereas people with the disease inherit two defective genes, one from each parent.

The Union government has announced an ambitious National Sickle Cell Elimination Mission to eradicate the disease from the country by 2047 in the recent Budget. The mission plans to screen 7 crore people over the next three years as a first step.

Traffic ASI dies of injuries

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 50-year-old assistant sub inspector, attached to the High Grounds traffic station, who sustained severe head injuries in an accident while on duty at Chalukya Circle on Sunday, died at Manipal hospital on Tuesday.

M. Nagaraju was managing the traffic when an autorickshaw coming from Palace Road, knocked him down and tried to escape. However, passers-by chased the vehicle and intercepted the driver, Shivakumar, at Windsor Manor junction, before handing him over to the police.

Mr. Nagaraju, who was severely injured, was rushed to Manipal hospital where he was admitted in the ICU, but he did not respond to the treatment and died.

His colleagues and senior police officials paid their last respect on Tuesday.

Man found murdered

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 44-year-old owner of an advertisement agency was hacked to death at his house in Nayandahalli in Chandra Layout police station limits on Tuesday.

The deceased was identified as Liyakhath Ali Khan.

Armaan Ali Khan, son of the deceased, in his complaint, said that his father had lent some money to his business partners and used to have differences over the issue.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Chief Commissioner,
BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002
No.: CHO(PH)/PR/P-238/2022-23 Date: 01.03.2023

NOTIFICATION

Regarding extension of period for payment of trade license renewal fee for the year 2023-24 without penalty

The Trade license renewal fee under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike from 01.03.2023 to 15.03.2023 has been exempted from payment of 25% penalty, the period of payment of Trade license renewal fee without penalty has been extended from 01.03.2023 to 15.03.2023. All the traders are hereby requested to take advantage of this opportunity and renew their Trade license without penalty within Date: 15.03.2023.

It is hereby informed that the traders can renew the Trade license from 16.03.2023 by paying license renewal fee with penalty of 25% and from 01.04.2023 onwards license renewal fee with a penalty of 100%.

For more details visit webiste: www.bbmp.gov.in

Sd/-
Chief Commissioner
Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

TEACHERS RECRUITMENT BOARD
3rd Floor, Puratchi Thalaivar Dr.M.G.R. Centenary Building, Perasiriyar Anbazhagan Kalvi Valagam, (DPI Campus), College Road, Chennai - 600 006.
Advertisement No. 1/2023 Dated : 01.03.2023
TENDER NOTICE
Sealed tenders are invited upto **05.00 PM** on **20.03.2023** from reputed Firms / Organizations with relevant experience for designing, developing and hosting Online Application and Registration System for Candidates (OARSC) and Data processing for various recruitment examinations to be conducted by the TRB.
Tender document with detailed specifications of terms and conditions, Technical bid and Financial bid can be downloaded from the website **https : //www.trb.tn.gov.in**
Secretary TRB.
DIPR/1240/TENDER/2023
"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்."

TAMIL NADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
No. 01/DIRECTOR(LABS)/TNPCB/2023
Appointment to the Post of Director (Labs), Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
Applications are invited from eligible Indian Nationals for selection and appointment by deputation / direct recruitment to the post of Director (Labs), Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB), Chennai
The notification along with the details of the application format are available on the website of TNPCB at **www.tnpcb.gov.in.**
Eligible candidates are requested to send their applications on or before 13.04.2023 at 5.00 P.M to the following address:
The Chairperson,
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board,
No.76, Mount Salai,
Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.
Chairperson
Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board
DIPR/185/Display/2023
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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Central-9, N.R.Square, Bengaluru-560002.
No: EE/PC-9/TEND/01/2022-23 Date: 28.02.2023
INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
TURNKEY, LUMPSUM CONTRACT, NO VARIATION (PARAMETERS FIXED BY BBMP) - Two Cover System (Call-2) (Through GoK e-Procurement Portal only)
The Executive Engineer, (Project Central-9), BBMP, Bengaluru, invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Amount put to tender (Rs. in Crores)	EMD (Rs.in Crores)
1	Construction of Elevated Corridor by integrating Ejipura main Inner Ring Road junction, Sony World junction and Kendriya Sadana Junction, along 100 ft. inner ring road, Koramangala, Bengaluru - Balance Portion (As is Where is Basis)	143.80	1.44

Cost of Tender Form: As per e-Procurement portal.
Period of Completion : 15 (Fifteen months including monsoon period)
Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from e-Procurement portal of GOK. from **01.03.2023** onwards. 2) Last date for receipt of queries is **08.03.2023 upto 17:30 hrs.** through e-Procurement Portal only. 3) Pre-tender meeting will be held on **09.03.2023 at 16:00 hrs.** in the office of the Chief Engineer, Project Central. 4) Last date & time for submission of Tenders: **15.03.2023 upto 17:30 hrs.** 5) Opening of Technical Bids: **17.03.2023 at 16:30 hrs.**
Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or from the e-Procurement portal website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Project Central-9, BBMP

Government of Karnataka
Deputy Commissioner office,
(District Urban Development Cell) Haveri Dist,
Haveri-581110 Phone No : 08375-249097
e-mail : dc_haveri@yahoo.co.in
No:Mun04/CMANSP4/TMC-5/2022-23 Dated : 23-02-2023
E-Procurement Short Term Tender Notification
Inviting Item wise two cover tender is called for the mentioned Indent No : DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 146913 for CMC Ranebennur estimate cost value of Rs **410.00** (Excluding GST) Lakh under 2022-23 Nagarothana Phase-4 Incentive Grant works. As per Karnataka Transperency Procurement Port Act 2000, Modification Act 2021.
All the terms and conditions As per (KW-4) pertaining to this tender shall be viewed in the Website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in for further clarifications please contact District Urbon Development Cell Haveri.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, DUDC, Haveri
DIPR/HVR/KSMCA/578/2022-23

INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE
Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao Road, Nagarabhavi P.O. Bengaluru-560 072. *www.isec.ac.in*
TENDER NOTIFICATION
Applications are invited from interested reputed Car Hiring Agencies / Companies for Empanelment to provide vehicles on rate contract for a period of one year from the date of awarding the order. The Technical and Commercial Bid Formats may be downloaded from ISEC website: www.isec.ac.in. The Technical Bid and the Financial Bid needs to be submitted in SEPARATE COVERS. The Tender Document, duly filled and signed on all pages along with EMD of Rs.15,000/- drawn in favour of The Registrar, ISEC, Bengaluru, may be submitted in sealed cover on or before **March 17, 2023** to **The Registrar, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao Road, Nagarabhavi P.O. Bengaluru 560 072**, OR dropped in Tender Box in the Office of the Registrar. Any tenders received after this date shall not be entertained. Selection / Cancellation will be at the sole discretion of ISEC authority. The Tenders shall be opened on **March 20, 2023**, at 2.30 p.m. in the Institute Premises.
Registrar
ISEC-22329

Government of Karnataka
(PWD Division Raichur)
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION RAICHUR
Telephone No. : 08532-225778 & 234747
E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION -(KW- 1, 2, 3 & 4)
THESE WORKS ARE GENARAL & SC CONTRACTORS
1)Notification No & Date : PWD/RDN/TS-4/TN/2022-23/6775 Date: 27-02-2023 2) Name of work's: Raichur District Total 20 work's Raichur, Manvi, Deodurga, Lingasugur & Sindhanur taluk Different types of roads, Building and other development works. 3) Amount of works Min Rs. 1016394.83 Max Rs. 13802048.94 4) EMD Amount Min Rs. 25000.00 Max Rs. 207500.00 5) Period (including Manson) Min 1 (One) Month Max 9 (Nine) Months 6) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tender 09/03/2023 16:00:00 7) Date and Time for Opening of Tender 10/03/2023 16:30:00
For More details visit this website https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in
SD/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PWD Division, RAICHUR.
DIP/Raichur/679/KSMC&A/2022-23

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH E-TENDER
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
e-bids are invited from the eligible bidders for the following work as per the procedure of CMWSSB under two cover system conforming to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and Rules 2000.

Sl. No.	Name of work and Tender No.	Bid Security	Prebid meeting Date (In person or through VC)	e-Bid Submission closing Date	e-Bid Opening Date
1.	Design, Engineering, Procurement and Construction including Hydraulic Testing, Satisfactory Trials and Commissioning of SMLD Capacity Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) based on Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) Technology followed by Ultra Filtration Tertiary Treatment Technology or Membrane Bio Reactor (MBR) with Tertiary Treatment Technology complete at Villivakkam, Chennai city on DBO basis including O&M for 7 years. **CNT/SEW/NCB/Singara Chennai 2.0/001A/2022-23**	**Rs.6.72 Lakhs**	**14.03.2023 at 11:30 a.m.**	**04.04.2023 upto 3.00 P.M.**	**05.04.2023 after 3.30 P.M.**
2.	EMD by online transfer only through NIC Portal. The tenderer shall submit scanned copy of online transaction statement towards EMD as part of Bid document.				
3.	Availability of Bid documents and e-bid submission is permitted through tender portal / website: **www.tntenders.gov.in** For all other details refer Bid documents in the website from **03.03.2023.**				

DIPR/1290/Tender/2023
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (Contracts & Monitoring)
"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்"

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
VELLORE CORPORATION
Corporation Office, Vellore
Roc.No.7038/2022/H1 **Online Tender Notice** Date : 28.02.2023
The Commissioner, Vellore Corporation invites tenders in two cover system for the following works as per the conditions laid down in the tender notice published in website **https://tntenders.gov.in.**

1.	**Name of the work** (General Fund 15th CFC Grant 2022-23 Un Tied Grant)	**Estimate Cost Rs. In lakhs** / **EMD Cost Rs.**
i	Selection of Service Provider / Agency / Contractor / Company for Implementation of Solid Waste Management activities in Vellore City Municipal Corporation.	3592.07 Lakhs (Per Year) / 1% of the Estimate Cost
2.	Tender Schedule download	From **01.03.2023** at **10.00 A.M** to **24.03.2023** upto **3.00 P.M**
3.	Pre-Bid Conference	**8.03.2023** at **11.00 am**
4.	Date of Tender	**24.03.2023** Friday **3.00 pm**
5.	Date, Time and Venue of opening	**24.03.2023** Friday **3.30 pm** at Vellore Corporation Office
6.	Tender document availability and other details	Other Details can be obtained from the tender notice published in website **https://tntenders.gov.in** or from Vellore Corporation Office, Engineering section during working hours on all working days. Tender received only by online mode /e-submission.

For Contact : 0416 - 2220578 DIPR/ 1283 /TENDER/2023
Commissioner, Vellore Corporation
"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்"

ಮೈಸೂರು ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಮೈಸೂರು
ಜೆ.ಎಲ್.ಬಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು – 570005
ದೂರವಾಣಿ/ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್: 0821–2420624
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಮೈನಪ್ರಾ/ಅಆ/ಪಿಬಿ/ಟಿಎನ್/19/2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24.02.2023
ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆದ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆಕ್ಟ್ 2000ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ರೂ.20.00 ರಿಂದ 450.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತದ ಒಟ್ಟು 10 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 01 ರಿಂದ 10 ರವರೆಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.02.2023 ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ದಿ: 08.03.2023 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಸಮಯವನ್ನು ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ದಿ: 09.03.2023ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4.30ರ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಅರ್ಹ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಮುಖಾಂತರ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಯಂತೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 0821–2420624 ರಿಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.mudamysore.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.
ಸಹಿ/– ಅಧೀಕ್ಷಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಮೈಸೂರು ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಮೈಸೂರು

INBRIEF

State to get Rashtriya Raksha University in Shivamogga

Karnataka will get the prestigious Rashtriya Raksha University in Shivamogga. It will start functioning from the 2023-24 academic year. Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said the university would tentatively offer diploma courses in police science, corporate security management, criminal investigation, and postgraduation diploma in cyber security and cyber law and road traffic safety management. It would also offer a two-week certificate programme on physical fitness management, and postgraduate diploma in coastal security and law enforcement.

Bhaskar Rao to join BJP today ahead of Kejriwal's visit

Retired IPS officer and AAP leader Bhaskar Rao is set to join the ruling BJP. Sources in the BJP said that the former police officer met party leaders, including co-poll in-charge Annamalai, in the party office on Tuesday to discuss his plans to join the party. He would join the party on Wednesday, sources said. Mr. Rao who met Revenue Minister R. Ashok said that he wanted to join BJP as there was no growth in AAP. "President of the AAP is holding the position for the last 10 years and this will affect the growth of others. The party is run by a coterie. Keeping in mind the eminent leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, I have decided to join the party where there is scope for aspirations," he said.

Opposition questions PM's lavish praise on BSY

If Modi had such high opinion about Yediyurappa, why did the BJP force him to step down as Chief Minister and leave the office in tears, asks Shivakumar

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN/BENGALURU

Suspecting political benefits behind Prime Minister Narendra Modi's lavish praises on veteran BJP leader B.S. Yediyurappa during his visit to Shivamogga, the Opposition Congress and JD(S) have wondered why he was made to abruptly step down as Chief Minister.

The Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar wanted to know why the BJP forced Mr. Yediyurappa to step down from the post.

Addressing Praja Dwani rally at Alur in Hassan district on Tuesday, Mr. Shivakumar said, "Mr. Modi has showered praises on Yediyurappa during his visit to Shivamogga on Monday. If he had such high opinion about Mr. Yediyurappa, why did the BJP force him to leave the office in tears?"

Mr. Shivakumar said the BJP government had made 600 promises in its manifesto. However, a majority of them remained unimplemented. The government had been engaged in corruption in all sectors. During their rule, he said, a senior IPS officer was imprisoned for corruption in the recruitment of police sub-inspectors.

KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar addressing the Praja Dhwani rally at Alur in Hassan district on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Congress, he said, would implement the recommendations of the seventh pay commission if it came to power after the elections. "The government employees have decided to go on strike over the issue. The administration will come to a standstill. Now, I wish to assure the employees that the Congress will ensure the pay is revised as per the recommendations," he said.

Meanwhile Congress MLA Priyank Kharge on Tuesday claimed that the charisma of Mr. Modi, Union Minister Amit Shah will not working in the State in the forthcoming elections to the Legislative Assembly.

He ridiculed frequent visits of the central leaders of the BJP and said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, his Cabinet and the entire BJP unit have lost credibility. "The charisma of Mr. Modi, Mr. Shah and J.P. Nadda is not working here and hence they are visiting frequently and offering false promises to voters," the Congress leader alleged.

The people of Shivamogga expected Mr. Modi to save the Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant that employs thousands of people. "But the PM was keen on telling people to turn on their mobile torch lights for Mr. Yediyurappa. Make In India is just another gimmick of BJP", he claimed. Former MLC and Congress spokesperson Ramesh Babu alleged ₹80 crore kickback in the Excise Department. The corruption was rampant in the BJP government and Mr. Bommai and his Cabinet colleagues have siphoned off funds, he alleged.

BJP aims to reach out to four crore people as its rath yatra is set to roll out today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

J.P. Nadda

The political scene is set to heat up further as the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party is commencing its rath yatras as part of its outreach efforts from Wednesday.

The party will launch rath yatras from all the four directions of the State. While the first one, covering the southern and coastal districts would be flagged off by party national president J.P. Nadda from M.M. Hills in Chamarajanagar district on Wednesday, the remaining rathas would start their journey within a gap of a couple of days.

According to sources in the party, a rath yatra from Nandagarh in north Karnataka will be inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajanath Singh.The other two rathas would start their journey from Devanahalli and Basavakalyan, sources noted

The four rathas were sent from the party State office on Tuesday with a ceremonial pooja in the presence of party's State election co in-charge Annamalai and State president Nalin Kumar Kateel.

The first yatra covering the southern and coastal districts will be flagged off by Nadda from M.M. Hills

The buses which have been turned into rathas have platform and mike for addressing the public. They are also fitted with a LED screen. Inside the vehicle, there are seven seats and a home theatre.

The party is planning to reach about four crore people through these four rathas and has already constituted teams of different leaders for each of the rathas.

The one-day visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the State on Monday is being seen as an effort to set the tempo for the commencement of the BJP's rath yatra.

Charger when sold with phone in one pack can't be taxed at higher rate under KVAT Act: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The charger, which is sold along with the mobile phone in one composite pack is taxable at 5% under the Karnataka Value Added Tax (KVAT) Act, 2003, and cannot be charged at higher tax slab, said the High Court of Karnataka.

The court pointed out that the notification issued under the KVAT Act states that 'telephone set' includes 'parts thereof' and hence the intention of the authorities is unambiguous that the notification was applicable for 'telephone and parts thereof', which includes the charger. A Division Bench comprising Justice P.S. Dinesh Kumar and Justice T.G. Shivashankare Gowda passed the order while dismissing the appeals filed by the State government.

The government had challenged the Karnataka Appellate Tribunal's 2017 order of quashing the reassessment notices issued by the Commercial Tax Department for the assessment years ranging from 2008 to 2013 to various mobile phone retailers across the State and the leading mobile phone manufacturers.

The department had demanded payment tax at higher tax slabs, in the range of 12% to 14.5%, on the sale of chargers along with the mobile phone package sold by the retailers during the respective assessment years from 2008 to 2013.

"A bare perusal of the Section 4 (charging section) of KVAT Act and Rule 3 (computation provision) of KVAT Rules would clearly indicate that there is no prescribed mechanism provided for determining the value of individual goods in a composite transaction. Thus, in the absence of a valuation mechanism, tax cannot be levied differently on each of the component by separating a single composite package," the Bench observed.

Taxable at 5%

The mobile phone finds its place in III Schedule and taxable at 5% and therefore, the charger which is also sold along with mobile phone in 'one set' is together chargable at 5%, the Bench made it clear.

The department had contended that the chargers though sold with the mobile phones, are independent gadgets and therefore, cannot be taxed at par with a mobile phone while citing a judgement of the apex court in Punjab VAT case.

However, the Bench declined to accept this contention while pointing out that Punjab VAT Act, 2005, clearly excluded accessories from the definition of 'telephone set' for levy of tax unlike KVAT Act, which defines telephone and parts thereof as a set, and hence the charger cannot be differently taxed when sold together.

'I challenge Cong., BJP to declare CM candidates'

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

C.M. Ibrahim, State president of the Janata Dal (Secular), has challenged the Congress and the BJP to declare their candidates for Chief Minister in the upcoming elections.

Mr. Ibrahim told reporters in Belur on Tuesday that the JD(S) had declared H.D. Kumaraswamy as the CM candidate.

"If both the national parties have guts, let them declare their candidate," he said. He also stated that the JD(S) had already declared 93 candidates.

Asked about the developments over selecting a candidate for Hassan seat, Mr. Ibrahim said every party worker had the right to seek party ticket. "Whether it is Swaroop or any other person. They all have the right to seek a chance to compete. However, the party will take the final decision," he said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **SRI. ADARSH S,** Bangalore are intended to purchase the immovable property morefully described in the schedule hereunder from **Sandhya Vinod, W/o Sri. Late B.V. Vinod.** If any person or persons or authority or any financial institutions have got any right or objections over the schedule property, they can lodge objections with document, any proof to below given address **within (7) days** from the date of this publication, otherwise myself shall proceed the property as if it is free from all types of claims, objections raised or received thereafter will not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **immovable property being an Residential building in Site No.2 Beereswara Nagara, 2nd Cross, measuring 30 x 40 (feet) out Chunchaghatta Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, near Enchanting area converted land under No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S) 14 of 86-87 dt:18-09-1986 granted the conversion in favour of Smt. Jayamma, W/o Ramegowda, No.126, 7th Main Road, 4th Block (west), Jayanagar, Bangalore -11 by the Spl.Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District** and bounded on the :-

East by : Site No.3, **West by :** Site No.1,
North by : Road, **South by :** Private Property.

PARAMESHWARA, Advocate
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Gandhinagar, Bangalore - 560009,
Mob 9916384402, 8553888138.
Date:28-02-2023, Bangalore.

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ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ
Phone No: 0836-2747944, Email.ID :eepwddha@gmail.com
ಸಂ.ಕ್ರಸಂ : ಕಾನಿಇಂ/ಲೋಇ/ಧಾ/ಪಿಬಿ-1,2,3,4 &5 /ಟೆಂಡರ/2022-23/10976 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 27.02.2023

ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ KW- 1, 2, 3 & 4

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ : 1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 8762 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.01.2023
2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 10251 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.02.2023
3) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 8769 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.01.2023
4) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 6482 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.11.2022

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WORK INDENT NO – 158327 (Extension), 158329 (Extension), 158838/Call-2, 163572/Call-2, 157755 (Extension), 157752 (Extension), 157726/call-3, 158317/Call-3, 158320/Call-3, 158325/Call-3, 158697/Call-3, 154779/Call-5, 156039/Call-3, 157728/Call-2 ಒಟ್ಟು = 14
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WORK INDENT NO 162910, 165487, 165798, 165128 ಒಟ್ಟು = 04
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WORK INDENT NO 165005, 166176, 163060 ಒಟ್ಟು = 03
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WORK INDENT NO 166077 ಒಟ್ಟು = 01
(1) ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ-ಸಂದೇಹ ಮತ್ತು ವಿವರಣೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **07/03/2023** (ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ) (2) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **08/03/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ) (4) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **10/03/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ)

WORK INDENT NO – 165412, 161239 ಒಟ್ಟು = 02
(1) ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ-ಸಂದೇಹ ಮತ್ತು ವಿವರಣೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **02/03/2023** (ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ) (2) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **06/03/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ) (3) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **07/03/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ) (4) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **08/03/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ)

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(1) ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆ-ಸಂದೇಹ ಮತ್ತು ವಿವರಣೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **02/03/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ) (2) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಪತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **06/03/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ) (3) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **07/03/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:15 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ) (4) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **08/03/2023** (ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:45 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ)

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ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜನೀಯರರು,
ವಾಸಾಸಂ/ಧಾರವಾಡ/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿ/1161/2022-23 ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ

Deve Gowda gets admitted to hospital

H.D. Deve Gowda

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Former Prime Minister and Janata Dal (Secular) patriarch H.D. Deve Gowda was on Tuesday admitted to a private hospital here for routine check-up.

Party sources said that the routine check pertained to swelling in his leg, and the veteran leader will undergo a host of tests during his stay in the hospital.

"I have come to the hospital for a routine check-up. There is no need for any panic or anxiety. I will be back home in a couple of days," Mr. Gowda tweeted.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

BIRTH CENTENARY

100TH Birth ANNIVERSARY

E.C.P. PRABHAKAR, I.A.S (Retd)
March 1, 1923 - March 30, 2008

A Distinguished Bureaucrat of 33 years with Government of Tamilnadu, Served as District Collector of Ramnad, Madurai & Chingleput, Director of Industries & Commerce, Director of Agriculture, Secretary to Government of Rural Development & Local Administration, Health, Revenue, Education, Science & Technology Departments, Commissioner of Transport & Prohibition & Excise, Chairman & Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Industries Development Corporation – TIDCO, Chairman, Tamil Nadu Sugar Corporation and Chairman, State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu – SIPCOT. Commissioned as a Sub – Lieutenant in the Royal Indian Navy before joining the Indian Administrative Service.

Post retirement, Served as the Honorary Chairman of YMCA College of Physical Education, Chennai for two decades plus and Chairman of ATV Group, Mumbai.

An Avid Sportsman, played for State in Cricket – Ranji Trophy and for the State in Hockey. All India Civil Services Tennis Champion for three consecutive years. Former Honorary Sub-Secretary for Tennis, Madras Gymkhana Club, Member, Madras Cricket Club & Sterling Club.

Worshipper at Zion's Church, Egmore Wesley Church, St. George's Cathedral, St. Andrews Church – The Kirk, Chennai & All Peoples Church, Bangalore.

An Alumni of Bishop Cotton Boys School, Bangalore, Loyola College, Chennai & Madras Christian College, Tambaram.

Darling Daddy, Your Legacy lives on...

Indrani Sivaram, Samuel Prabhakar, Dr. Vijay & Cynthia Prabhakar
Phone: 001 773 865 1722 Email: wellcare_us@yahoo.com

DEATH

K.O.JOSEPH (96)
Retd. Teacher MCC School, Chetput
DOB: 27.01.1927 - DOD: 28.02.2023
H/o Late Mrs. Alice Joseph
Madras Telephones
Funeral mass at Ascension Church, 23/9, Railway Colony, 4th Street, Aminjikarai, Chennai - 600 029. on 02.03.2023 at 3.30 pm. Followed by burial at Kilpauk Cemetery

F/o Late Sunil Joseph
Suresh Joseph & family
K. Sudeep Joseph & family
Mob: +91-97890-31204

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

LOVING MEMORY

G Madhavan
Former Executive Secretary, Indian Academy of Sciences
1st Death Anniversary
Fondly Remembered by
Family, Relatives & Friends

SUV mows down three students in Tamil Nadu

The Hindu Bureau
TIRUPATTUR

Three Class 8 boy students, who were cycling to school on Tuesday, were killed on the spot after being hit by an SUV from behind on the service lane of the Chennai-Bengaluru Highway at Valayampattu near Vaniyambadi in Tirupattur.

They were heading to the Government High School at Girisamudiram when the accident occurred around 9 a.m. R. Suriya and R. Vijay, siblings, were on the same cycle, and S. Rafiq was riding another cycle.

The SUV driver V. Santhosh (25), of Viruthampattu village near Katpadi in Vellore, was arrested.

Accused in red sanders smuggling held in A.P.

The Hindu Bureau
KADAPA

The Andhra Pradesh Police have arrested an alleged red sanders smuggler, Mandadi Bhaskar Reddy, and five others and seized 40 red sanders logs weighing about a tonne, a goods vehicle, an SUV and four two-wheelers from their possession in Kadapa.

Bhaskar Reddy has been evading arrest by the police since 2007, after his involvement in eight cases.

BJP Central leadership attempts to control bickering in Telangana unit

The opinion gathering strength in the party State unit is that the BRS-led government cannot be ousted with the current outlook; need for a change in leadership comes out in the open during Telangana leaders meeting with Amit Shah

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The bickering in the Telangana BJP over newcomers not being given due importance and failure to win over bigwigs from other parties came to the fore at a meeting presided over by Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi on Tuesday to review the ongoing party programmes.

Union Minister for Tourism, Culture and Development of Northeast and Secunderabad MP G. Kishan Reddy, party State president and MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar, Rajya Sabha member K. Laxman, former MP Vivek Venkatswamy, former Ministers Eatala Rajender and D.K. Aruna have been among the leaders invited for the meeting to discuss the impact of 11,000 street-corner meetings and put a lid on differences in the State unit.

It is obvious that the campaign from a section of the party led by the newcomers – and egged on by a few senior leaders – for a change in the local leadership has been going on unabated, despite clear indications from the Central leadership that it is not on the agenda.

Amit Shah

The charge against the State leadership is that the services of those who have come from other parties are not being utilised properly and their suggestions are ignored and decisions taken unilaterally.

The contention is the BRS regime led by Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao cannot be ousted with the present outlook and the demand has been to hand over the leadership to a newcomer – read Mr. Rajender, who also belongs to the Backward Classes.

Few leaders are said to be ready to fund the campaign under a new leadership since they have personal scores to settle with the BRS leadership.

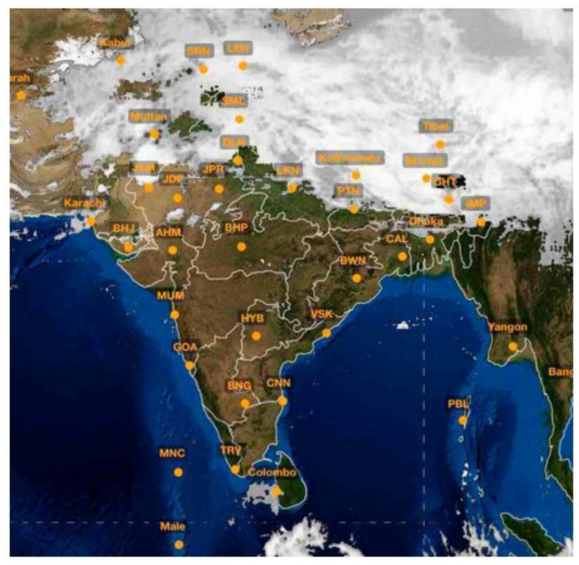
Despite Prime Minister Narendra Modi openly acknowledging the work being done by Mr. Sanjay Kumar and national general secretary Tarun Chugh recently reiterating the Central leadership's confidence in the Karimnagar MP, the lobbying has not ceased.

Such are the stakes that relationships are changing by the day with friends becoming foes depending on the political calculations.

Hence, Mr. Shah has entered the picture in a bid to smoothen ruffled feathers.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall/snowfall likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan, Muzaffarabad and Himachal Pradesh. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning and hailstorm likely at isolated places over Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.3	17.3	Kozhikode	—	35.0	22.9
Ahmedabad	—	36.6	17.0	Kurnool	—	36.2	19.5
Aizawl	—	31.8	12.0	Lucknow	—	32.0	16.4
Allahabad	—	34.8	14.6	Madurai	—	34.4	22.4
Bengaluru	—	30.6	16.0	Mangaluru	—	35.2	21.4
Bhopal	—	33.5	17.0	Mumbai	—	32.0	22.2
Bhubaneswar	—	35.8	19.9	Mysuru	—	32.7	12.2
Chandigarh	—	29.2	12.8	New Delhi	—	32.0	13.2
Chennai	—	34.1	22.9	Patna	—	—	15.2
Coimbatore	—	32.4	19.6	Port Blair	—	31.5	25.4
Dehradun	—	28.2	11.8	Puducherry	—	34.8	20.3
Gangtok	—	15.8	8.5	Pune	—	34.8	17.6
Goa	—	35.4	21.0	Raipur	—	35.4	16.0
Guwahati	—	31.4	13.8	Ranchi	—	32.2	15.0
Hubballi	—	33.0	19.0	Shillong	—	20.1	7.5
Hyderabad	—	33.9	20.4	Shimla	2.0	12.3	8.5
Imphal	—	28.5	11.6	Srinagar	0.4	13.0	4.0
Jaipur	—	32.2	18.2	Thiruvananthapuram	—	34.2	21.6
Kochi	—	31.8	23.2	Tiruchi	—	31.9	22.6
Kohima	—	—	10.2	Vijayawada	—	34.2	20.4
Kolkata	—	31.0	23.7	Visakhapatnam	—	32.9	22.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.18	..—	.23	...206	...164	
Bengaluru	.02	..39	.16	92	...152	
Chennai	.25	..30	.51	...127	97	
Delhi	..—	..27	414	...175	...153	
Hyderabad	.05	..49	.39	.....—	...144	
Kolkata	.18	..14	.56	...134	99	
Lucknow	.15	..37	.89	...281	...244	
Mumbai	.21	..57	.54	...326	...204	
Pune	..—	..28	.67	...152	...115	
Visakhapatnam	..—	..50	.41	...123	...154	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 357 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Damoh, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 37

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Visakhapatnam gearing up for Global Investors Meet

The Hindu Bureau
VISAKHAPATNAM

Arrangements are in full swing to host the Global Investors Summit, scheduled to be held at the Andhra University Engineering College Ground in Visakhapatnam on March 3 and 4.

Around 8,000 people from various industries and organisations have registered for their participation, Industries and IT Minister Gudivada Amarnath said on Tuesday. He said 26 chartered flights would be landing at Visakhapatnam airport during the summit. "Fourteen Ambassadors from various countries will be attending the event," the Minister said.

All set: Arrangements in full swing for the Global Investors Summit at the AU Engineering College ground in Visakhapatnam. V. RAJU

Apart from several Union Ministers, industry giants such as Mukesh Ambani, Kumar Mangalam Birla and top representatives of the Godrej, Tata, Raheja and Mahindra groups have confirmed their participation.

Gold offerings not moved from shrine

The Hindu Bureau
PATHANAMTHITTA

A recent audit of valuable items offered by Sabarimala devotees has unearthed lapses by the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) in promptly shifting the stock of gold from the hill temple to its vault at Aranmula.

The lapse came to light on Monday when a team of officials on duty at Sabarimala brought along with them about 180 sovereigns of gold while appearing for a scrutiny of the stock register by TDB Thiruvabharanam Commissioner.

The precious metal, received as offerings during the second phase of the pilgrimage season that concluded on January 20, had been kept at a strongroom at Sabarimala till then.

The total quantity of gold received at Sabarimala during the Mandalam season is estimated to be 410 sovereigns. Sources said the delay in shifting the stock to the strongroom even a month after the season is regarded as dereliction of duty by the officials concerned. TDB president K. Ananthaghopan has sought a report from Sabarimala Executive Officer H. Krishna Kumar.

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No: BMRCL/O&M/E&M/Johnson Lift's/2022/12 Dt: 01.03.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION

BMRCL invites tenders from eligible tenderers for **"Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for 06 Nos Johnson Make Lifts in Which 02 Nos of 16 Passengers and 04 Nos of 08 Passengers Lifts installed at BMRCL Staff Quarters".** Estimated cost: **Rs.35,00,612/-.** Tender Security Amount: **Rs.70,012/-.** Sale period of tender documents: **01.03.2023 to 30.03.2023 (Till Midnight).** Pre bid meeting: **29.03.2023 at 11.00 hrs.** Date & time for submission of tender: **05.04.2023 (from 11.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs).** Date & time for opening of tender: **05.04.2023 (at 15.30 hrs).** Cost of tender document: **Rs.11,800/-.** Completion period: 60 Months. Tender documents can be downloaded from BMRCL website. For more information visit **https://tender.bmrc.co.in**

Sd/- Dy. General Manager (E&M)

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Department of Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development
Office of the Executive Engineer
MI & GWD Division, Mandya
No:EE:MID:MDY:TB:2022-23:1735
Date:24.02.2023

RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION NO : 01/2022-23, Dated : 24-02-2023

Ref : (1) This Office tender notification No. 01/2022-23, dated : 22.04.2022, Letter No. 179, dated: 22.04.20222. (2) Tender Extension Notification No. 01, dated: 16.06.2022, Letter no:495, dated: 16.06.20223. (3) Tender Extension Notification No. 01, dated: 16.06.2022, Letter no:569, dated: 05.07.2022 ItemWise Tenders are invited from registered and eligible contractors under " e - Procurement " Portal as per the terms and conditions prescribed in standard tender bid documents KW-4. Under the Head of Account 4702: Anekat and pickups, there are 01 No's (Sl:1) works . Amount put to tender ranging from as low as Rs. 990.00Lakhs. Any information regarding this tender may be obtained from this office up to dated : 04-03-2023 during office hours. The tenders may be uploaded (Technical and Financial bids to be uploaded separately) with the prescribed E.M.D and requisite documents through website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** upto dated : **06.03.2023 up to 17.00 Hours.** Technical bids of the bidders will be opened on dated : **08.03.2023 at 11.00 AM.** Financial bids of the bidders will be opened on dated : **10.03.2023 at 11.00 AM**. All the rights are reserved for postponement or cancellation of all works or any of the work of this tender by the under signed. Terms and conditions required for the each work is published in the " e - Procurement " Tender Portal. Any additional information is available at the office of the undersigned. Any corrections regarding the works will be published in " e - Procurement " portal only.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
MI & GWD Division, Mandya
DIPR/AD-MDY/KSMC&A/35(B)/2022-23

Govt. of Karnataka
ZILLA PANCHAYATH, CHAMARAJANAGARA
Backward Classes Welfare Department Office
Zilla Adalitha Bhavana, Room No. 131 & 132, Chamarajanagara
Email : dobcmchamarajanagara@gmail.com Phone : 08226-222180
No. BCWD-03/CW-CR-55/2022-23 Date : 20-02-2023

Announcement of short term e-procurement tender

Sub. : Vacancies for Cooks, Cook Assistants, Night Watchmen, Cleaning Staff in Pre-Metric/Post-Metric Hostels under Backward Classes Welfare Department of Chamarajanagar District and Teaching / Non-Teaching and Cook, Cook Assistant, Night Watchmen vacancies in Morarji Desai Residential Schools, Sanitation Staff and Taluk Backward Classes Welfare Officer Vacancies in the offices of Data Entry Operator Grade-2, Data Entry Operator and Driver Vacancy in the District Office to seek Human Resource Services on Outsourcing basis to recruit qualified personnel temporarily through the Outsourcing Agency under the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act (KTPP) 1999 Rules 2000 are intended to be procured through short-term e-procurement.

Tender Amount (approximate amount)	Rs. 175.00 Lakh
Date of commencement of tender form uploading	Date: 20-02-2023
Prebid meeting	Date: 03-03-2023 11 AM
Last date for uploading tender form	Date: 12-03-2023 5pm
Date of Opening of Technical Bid	Date: 14-03-2023
Date of Opening of financial Bid	Date: 17-03-2023
E.M.D. to be paid with tender Amount	Rs. 2.62 Lakh
Website Address	www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in
Officer to be dealt with and address, telephone no.	District Officer, Backward Classes Welfare Department, Chamarajanagara, Ph:08226-222180

Sd/- District Officer,
Backward Classes Welfare Department, Chamarajanagara
ಜಾ.ಕಾ.ಸಂ.ಇ./ಚಾ.ನಗರ : 603/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi
No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-3/TENDER/2022-23/7601 DATE: 27/02/2023

Short Term E-Tender Notification

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 1 works under head of account 8443-Deposit, 2 works under head of account 3054-SH Maintenance, 2 works under head of account 5054-MDR Improvements and 2 works under head of account 5054-SH Improvements, Totally 7 No. of works. Amount put to tender is minimum of Rs. 80.00 Lakhs and maximum of Rs. 204.16 Lakhs.

Calendar of events for the work at Sl No. 2 to 7 :1)Pre-bid meeting date: 06-03-2023 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 08-03-2023 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 10-03-2023 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Financial bids (Single Cover System): 13-03-2023 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 13-03-2023 at 4.30 PM, 6)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

Calendar of events for the work at Sl No. 1:1)Pre-bid meeting date: 16-03-2023 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 18-03-2023 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 20-03-2023 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 23-03-2023 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
PWD Division Chikodi.
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1902/KSMCA/2022-23

NATIONAL URBAN HEALTH MISSION
BANGALORE URBAN HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY (R)
BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Chief Health Officer(P.H.), Annex-2 Building, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bangalore-560002
No:CPMO/NUHM/PR/102/2022-23 Date: 28.02.2023

Postponement Notification

Ref.**No:CPMO/NUHM/PR/102/2022-23 Dtd: 21.02.2023** Applications were invited from eligible candidates for recruitment through walk-in process for various vacancies under National Urban Health Campaign (NUHM), RCH, National Tuberculosis Eradication Program (RNTCP), National Mental Health Programme, Tobacco Control Programme, Leprosy Eradication Program of BBMP Health Department on full contract basis for a period of 01 year. The Notification published in the newspapers on 21.02.2023, the date of walk in interview were w.e.f **from 01.03.2023 to 03.03.2023**. Due to unavoidable reasons, the said walk in process is hereby postponed to new dates **i.e from 06.03.2023 to 08.03.2023.** This is for the information of public in general and candidates in particular.

Sd/- Chief Health Officer(P.H.)
& Member Secretary, BCH &FWS

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)
KPTCL invites bids for the following works:
No: SEE/T(W&M)/MYSEEE(O)/AE-3/22-23/7021-24 Date: 27.02.2023

(1) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/REPL/41 for Replacement of 2x12.5MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer by 2x20MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer at Periyapatna 66/11kV Sub station in Periyapatna Taluk & Mysuru District on PTK Basis.

TENDER NOTIFICATION
No: SEE/T(W&M)/MYSEEE(O)/AEE-2/22-23/7028 Date: 28.02.2023

(2) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/T(W&M)/MYS/SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-2/603/Call-2 dtd: 28.02.2023 for Design, Manufacture, Testing and supply of (a) 1 set of 2x220V, 300AH (with 2 nos. of float and 2 nos. of boost battery charger including control panels, change over arrangement etc., complete along with 2 separate DC Distribution Panel (Indoor) 1I/C+20 O/G SFU 60A +20 O/G SFU 30A . (b) 6 Sets of 110 Volts, 100 AH with float cum boost battery charger working on 230 V, 1 Ph AC supply. Required at various sub-stations in Transmission Circle, Mysuru conforming to Technical Specifications F.O.R.D. at Store/Site basis, including all applicable taxes, insurance and transportation.

(3) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/T(W&M)/MYS/SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-2/605/Call-2 dtd: 28.02.2023 for Design, Manufacturing, Testing and supply of 5 Star rated (Energy Efficiency Level-3), 100kVA, 11kV/0.433kV, 3 Phase Dy11 Copper winding LT Transformers required at various nodal centers in Transmission Circle, Mysuru conforming to Technical Specifications F.O.R.D. at Store/Site basis, including all applicable taxes and duties.

The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "**e-procurement-kptcl"** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **02.03.2023 for Sl.No.(1) and 01.03.2023 for Sl.No. (2) and (3) respectively.** Any other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, 1st Floor, Prasarana Bhavana, FTS Compound, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru-570007. Ph: 0821-2455018.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi
No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-3/TENDER/2022-23/7605 DATE: 27/02/2023

Short Term E-Tender Notification

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 1 works under head of account 5054-SH Improvements, 11 works under head of account 5054-MDR Improvements, 3 works under head of account 5054-MDR Maintenance Totally 15 No. of works. Amount put to tender is minimum of Rs. 32.00 Lakhs and maximum of Rs. 200.00 Lakhs.

Calendar of events for the work : 1)Pre-bid meeting date: 06-03-2023 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2)Last date for queries & clarifications : 08-03-2023 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 10-03-2023 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Financial bids (Single Cover System): 13-03-2023 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 13-03-2023 at 4.30 PM, 6)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

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Sd/-Executive Engineer
PWD Division Chikodi.
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1904/KSMCA/2022-23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, West-Lakes Division
3rd Floor, New Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru- 560 002.
No.: EE/WEST-Lakes/PR/09/Corr-1/2022-23 DATE: 28.02.2023

CORRIGENDUM

Tender published in this newspaper on 23.02.2023 vide **Ref. No:EE/West-Lakes/PR/09/2022-23 Dtd :20.02.2023** for Invitation of Quotations for Finalizing the estimates for the work of **Providing Pedestrian Footbridge in Northern Side of Sankey Tank** is hereby postponed due to technical reasons and further dates are as follows:
1) Last date for submission of quotations is **before 4.00 p.m. on 08.03.2023** through e-procurement portal or manually to the office of the undersigned. 2) Sealed quotations will be opened **at 4.30 p.m. on 09.03.2023** through e-procurement portal and manually at the office of the undersigned. All Other terms and conditions remains the same.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, West-Lakes Division

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Lakes-East, Room No. 309, 3rd Floor, New Building, BBMP, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002
No.: EE-(Bom.Con)/Lakes/Tend-08/2022-23 Date: 27.02.2023

CORRIGENDUM

Sub: Installation of flood control arrangement /escape gates for lakes in East Zone.
Ref: 1. Tender notification No.: EE-(Bom.Con)/Lakes/TN-8/2022-23 Date: 07.02.2023

The revised dates pertaining to the Installation of flood control arrangement / escape gates for lakes in East Zone notified vide ref(1) shall be read as under:-
(1) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **04.00 p.m.** on **04.03.2023** and the opening of the tenders will be as per e-portal guidelines. **(2)** Technical bids will be opened on the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** in the office of the Executive Engineer, Lakes-East on **06.03.2023** at **4:30 p.m.** The remaining terms and conditions of the tender remain unaltered.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Lakes-Bom Con, BBMP

Unending ordeal

Religious polarisation can be reversed through democratic processes

The death of Kashmiri Pandit and bank guard Sanjay Sharma at the hands of terrorist gunmen in Pulwama is yet another murder in a series of attacks on the minority community in the Valley. Sharma is the second Pandit to fall to terrorism in the Pulwama area after Janki Nath's death in 1990 at the peak of militancy. While the murder could be a deliberate ploy by terrorists to strike fear into the minority community in the area, it also signals the failure of security agencies to adequately protect the poor residents. The *modus operandi* of the radical elements who are targeting civilians has always been clear – the attacks are meant to invite state retaliation and repression, in turn fomenting discontent and disaffection to garner more recruits to the cause. On Tuesday, after follow-up operations that resulted in the death of an Army jawan and two militants, security forces have asserted that Sharma's attacker has now been slain. But this does little to mitigate the fear that has gripped Pandits in the Valley and Pulwama in particular. Last year, militant attacks resulted in the deaths of 29 civilians including three local Pandits, three other Hindus and eight non-local labourers and also caused the migration of 5,500 Pandit employees from the Valley.

All political parties including the separatists such as Hurriyat Conference, besides civil society organisations have condemned the attacks, but the repeated and brazen nature of the killings, at one level, point to a breakdown of relations between the administration and the citizenry, leading to the inability of the administration to anticipate and prevent such attacks. The fact that areas that were relatively safe for the minority community even during the peak of militancy have now become unsafe suggests that the administration must rethink its security-centric policies in the Valley. The Union Territory administration and the Union government have claimed that hard-edged moves such as the dilution of Article 370 and bifurcating the State in 2019 have helped curb militancy and were necessary to bring back normalcy in the Valley. But the repeated attacks on the minority community suggest otherwise – radical sections have sought to utilise the disaffection in the Valley to foment polarisation. Only an effective government by elected representatives of the people of the Valley can do more to rebuild trust between the administration and the citizenry. This will help isolate the radical sections and ease the workload of the security forces in Kashmir. Restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and working towards the conduct of Assembly elections are now a clear imperative.

Border troubles

The Windsor framework is a positive step in the ties between U.K. and the EU

United Kingdom Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen have announced a new deal to repair post-Brexit difficulties in Northern Ireland, also paving the way for better modalities for cooperation between London and Brussels. The new deal, labelled the "Windsor framework", seeks to address the disruptions to trade between Northern Ireland and the rest of the U.K. caused by the Northern Ireland Protocol, which was agreed as part of Brexit. Under the Protocol, Northern Ireland would remain a part of the EU's single market for goods and operate under EU customs rules, which would be implemented by creating a customs border between Northern Ireland and the U.K. Even while the Protocol was being hammered out in 2019, this raised concerns among some Unionists, including members of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), who have since protested this arrangement by refusing to participate in the political institutions of the 'Good Friday Agreement', which brought peace to Ireland following decades of violence. Under the new deal, free trade will be preserved by setting up green and red lanes. In theory this would lead to better availability of British goods in Northern Ireland markets, including medicines and some foods.

This arrangement, Mr. Sunak said, would protect Northern Ireland's place in the Union and restore its people's sovereignty. However, the Windsor framework is far from established as a working arrangement. Mr. Sunak is likely to face a backlash from some hard-line Brexiteers within his party, for what some see as the continuing wide applicability of EU customs rules in Northern Ireland. Of concern is the 'Stormont brake', an emergency measure that would allow Northern Ireland's devolved government to expediently halt any new EU laws from being imposed on the province – a measure that nonetheless the government in Westminster retains the right to veto. Which way the scale tips within Northern Ireland – in terms of its pro- or anti-EU customs rules – will come down to the balance of power between Unionists and Republicans in the province. Nevertheless, as a pragmatic compromise with the EU, this post-Brexit agreement perhaps has gone the farthest of any such plan by the U.K. Conservatives to arrive at a formula that could work on the ground while upholding London's obligations under the withdrawal agreement. Even more than the specifics of how potential wrinkles on the Irish front are ironed out, the close cooperation that led to the Windsor framework will be heralded as the start of a positive phase in the otherwise wary mood that has pervaded the U.K.-EU relationship in recent years.

A thumbs down for the 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme

Nachiket Chanchani

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Private firms, companies, and public sector units can enter into agreements with the Union Ministry of Culture to adopt and maintain State-owned archaeological sites or monuments. Businesses that enter such agreements are going to be known as Monument Mitras. The central government is eager that this scheme, which began in February, leads to the adoption of 500 protected sites by August 15, and the adoption of another 500 sites shortly thereafter. This number represents a tenfold increase in the number of sites being brought under the ambit of the controversial 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme of 2017. Unless the 'revamped' scheme is suspended, the nation's precious pluralistic heritage stands at the threshold of obliteration.

The perils ahead

Under the purportedly overhauled 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme, businesses may use their Corporate Social Responsibility funds at select sites to construct and maintain ticket offices, restaurants, museums, interpretation centres, toilets, and walkways. They may dramatically illuminate monuments, set up guided tours, hold cultural programmes, and fix equipment for light and sound shows. Some of these activities appear to be progressive measures aimed at improving visitor services and amenities. However, scrutiny establishes perils.

To begin, just as permitting a watch company without expertise in bridge engineering to maintain a colonial-era bridge in Morbi, Gujarat, possibly contributed to heart-wrenching tragedy, so too giving businesses, rather than trained professionals, a chance to build museums and interpretation centres and develop their content threatens India's understanding of its own past. The current plan also sidelines the mandate of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and abandons The Sarnath Initiative, guidelines devised by the ASI, the Getty Trust, U.S., the British Museum, and National Culture Fund to safe keep excavated objects and present them to visitors in an engaging manner.

Second, many monuments selected for the scheme – including the *stupas* at Sanchi, the Brihadeshwar temple in Thanjavur, and Akbar's palace city at Fatehpur Sikri – already have tourist infrastructure. What is driving the need for new ticket offices and gift shops?

Further, is it acceptable to let businesses occupy prime public land and build their own brands -- another provision of the 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme at the cost of further diminishing grounds around iconic monuments? These grounds are valuable spaces. If excavations are carried out in them, then they may lead to the discovery of antiquities that can offer clues into the historical context of monuments. Primarily for this reason, new construction in these areas has hitherto been prohibited.

> There are better ways in which Corporate India can look after rather than obliterate India's built and precious pluralistic heritage

Another danger of implementing the 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme is that it will undermine local communities and their relationships with historical sites. Guided tours led by employees of large businesses who have received permission to adopt a monument may endanger livelihoods of those who have lived near the site and made a living by regaling visitors with stories of its colourful past. The potential of big businesses to underwrite a monument's illumination is also troubling. Keeping these spots open from dawn to dusk has limited footfall and thus preserved them from excessive wear and tear. Night tourism will also pull electricity away from rural homesteads and hospitals.

Many monuments selected for the 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme are on ASI lists and are therefore protected by the just named central agency. Others chosen for the scheme are protected by the Archaeology Directorate of the State that they are located in. However, there are some monuments selected for the scheme that are not protected by the ASI and are in States without Archaeology Directorates. One fears that businesses that sign agreements with the Union Ministry of Culture to adopt these monuments will be able to alter their historical character without much opposition.

Implementing the scheme holds forth another danger: what will happen to monuments not adopted by Monument Mitras in the predetermined time frame? According to media reports, the Uttar Pradesh government has started turning over such monuments to the Tourism Department to convert them into hotels. They include Chunar Fort, a citadel overlooking Barwasagar Lake, and several residences built by Awadh's Nawabs. The U.P. government's decision confirms that despite now being housed under the Ministry of Culture rather than the Ministry of Tourism, the scheme is continuing to place reckless tourism and corporate interests over historical preservation. These two Ministries have long been entwined. Even today, they are led by the same cabinet Minister.

The path to choose

What might Corporate India instead do to look after the nation's built heritage? First, businesses can help citizens understand why monuments matter. This can be done by earmarking CSR funds for grants for researching, writing, and publishing high quality textbooks, and developing imaginative and effective ways of teaching history. Traders and shopkeepers can give funds to school libraries for collecting archival materials including books, maps, and old photographs relevant to monuments in their vicinity that will lead students to establish the value of monuments.

Corporates might also follow the lead taken by Sudha Murthy and N.R. Narayana Murthy in giving gifts to organisations such as the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute in Pune to continue their missions of writing history by rationally coordinating the textual record and the archaeological evidence. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, humanities and social sciences departments at some universities have been witnessing a hiring freeze. At other universities, these departments are being amalgamated. Corporates can give them a new lease of life by instituting fellowships, endowing professorships, and supporting research training programmes.

Second, industrial houses can support the meaningful conservation of heritage buildings by looking within. Their CSR funds can be used to purchase new equipment that release fewer noxious gases that darken and corrode marble buildings and discharge fewer effluents into rivers, thus making these water bodies less likely to serve as breeding grounds of microbes that gather on the walls of ancient buildings erected on riverbanks and cause their decay.

In the past, Tata Sons, ONGC, and other companies have regularly contributed funds to organisations training individuals in much needed restoration skills and creating jobs for them. Now is the time for corporations to support interdisciplinary teams at the DRONAH Foundation and the Centre for Advancement of Traditional Building Technology and Skills that are trying to protect monuments from emergent threats such as climate change. Rising sea levels are leading to water percolation into forts along Maharashtra's coast. Salination is eating into their foundations. Higher rainfall is leading Ladakh's stucco houses to crumble. Greater fluctuations in temperature are peeling away Shekhawati's murals. The private sector's resources and expertise may also help the ASI and State Archaeology Directorates to secure monuments from dams, mining projects, defacement, and looting.

Currently, India's progress in diverse fields is being projected at G-20 events across the nation. By embracing forward-thinking principles of historical preservation, businesses, government agencies, and civil society groups can showcase India's genuine progress in this arena. Maybe their efforts will inspire more citizens to participate in the pressing task of safeguarding India's pluralistic heritage.

India's democracy, diminished and declining

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The captivating Republic Day parade in January this year showcased the nation's soft and hard power, sending out a message to the world of India's arrival on the global scene. President Droupadi Murmu's customary address to the Houses of Parliament during the Budget session, again in January, unfolded the government's ambitious agenda and a shared national aspiration to join the ranks of the developed nations in the near future. But the truth about India's declining democracy has taken the sheen away from an otherwise impressive story of the nation's significant accomplishments.

An erosion of engagement

Recurring reports about constitutional transgressions interrogate the depth and the quality of our democratic engagement. In recent days, the expunging of parliamentary statements of Opposition leaders, which is questionable, the disruption of the Prime Minister's speech in the Rajya Sabha, the disproportionate penalty of suspension imposed on an Opposition MP for recording the proceedings of the House, and exceptions apart, the nauseating puerilities of the people's representatives, have denuded Parliament of its institutional sanctity. The suicide of an 18-year-old Dalit student in one of the country's premier educational institutions because of 'unbearable distress' (allegedly on account of caste discrimination) and a 16-year-old Dalit student being beaten up by his principal as the boy is said to have drank water from the principal's water bottle, are painful reminders of the persistence of historical and social inequities.

The conviction and the sentencing by a court in Uttar Pradesh of a sitting Member of the Legislative Assembly (Opposition party) for a two-year jail term in a 15-year-old case for blocking a road is perverse, considering the disproportionality of the sentence and its resultant consequence of depriving an elected member of his seat in the State Assembly. The oppressive reality of prosecutorial processes is writ large. As the wheels of justice grind on, careers are destroyed, reputations ruined and souls scarred in an unending saga of irremediable humiliation. Despite the Constitution's libertarian promise, the nation was aghast when the highest court of the land decided, at a special sitting on a court holiday, to suspend the bail of a disabled accused who has been charged with sedition. Such illustrations of institutional malaise point unmistakably to an eroded edifice of India's constitutional democracy.

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Deteriorating conversation

But nowhere is the democratic deficit more pronounced as in the quality of our political discourse. The profanities hurled by leaders at each other, the personal broadsides laced with denigrating sarcasm and hurtful innuendoes have coarsened the fabric of democratic politics. The political language of our times, steeped in hypocrisy and intense personal animosities reflects the narrowness of our politics and vitiates it, infracts the dignitarian promise of the Constitution, and is destructive of the broader social accord.

We know that language, culture, imagination and histories are united in a tight embrace. The elegance of the spoken word, not its decibel, adds weight to the cause and enables leaders to engage with the people on the defining challenges of the age. Our venerated founders espoused their lofty ideals in prose and verse invested with soaring idealism and emotion that galvanised the nation in pursuit of larger causes. Their language mediated between the heart and the head. Indeed, the strongest criticism of injustice and malgovernance, as also expressions of fervent hope for national renewal, is best reflected in the depth and the dignity of the medium. The language of democracy is one of accommodation anchored in moderated thought and rational persuasion. It is not about hurting sensitivities but respecting them and recognising that political adversaries are not personal enemies to be mocked and crushed. Democracy, after all, is not about a strong man imposing his will "over the wreckage of the universe". It is premised on a search for the middle ground and rejection of extremes, an objective best sub-served through elegant communication. The spoken words and speeches of leaders provide the benchmark of democracy. The standing of our public figures is tested through their utterances, which also tell us who we are. Evidently, therefore, India's diminished democracy can be resurrected only through an ennobling political discourse defined by civil conversation founded in reason and faith in the power of decency to make a difference.

The challenge

The celebration of the Republic cannot be complete as long as our politics remains limited by narrow partisan perspectives and is driven by those whose projected concern at pervasive injustices is largely suspect, given their obsession with a compulsive pursuit of power for its own sake. The foundations of the Republic are predicated on a just exercise of peoples' power by ruling dispensations of the day and on the Opposition's fearless pushback against the abuse of power. The challenge for those who aspire to lead the nation in the fullness of its glory in these momentous times, is to imagine and consolidate a political universe rooted in the collective assertion of our moral judgment that answers the call of good conscience.

The views expressed are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boggling, meaningless

The number of candidates in the Erode by-election in Tamil Nadu is boggling to say the least. Such candidature is far removed from reality. The Election Commission of India should do something about this: either by increasing the deposit money or bringing in more reference from standing legislators or the judiciary.

That five ballot units had to be used only leads to the point about it being anybody's guess on how many voters would have even looked at them. It is a waste of people's money and in terms of the logistics involved. In the name of democracy, such fake candidature needs to be reined in.

A.V. Narayanan,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

Political road for Congress

After its Bharat Jodo Yatra, the Congress is now seeking the support of like-minded political parties to build a vibrant opposition in order to face the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the general election in 2024.

As a counter to the BJP, the Congress has promised "Sampoorna Samajik Suraksha", a social security framework. But unless it builds a strong political base to achieve its objective of emerging as a viable opposition, coining such epithets will only be an empty exercise.

B. Gurumurthy,
Bengaluru

Upsetting remark

The remark made by Union Personnel Minister Jitendra Singh, that "there are more pensioners than active service personnel" (Inside pages, February 28), appears to be sarcastic.

What if 'when there will be more than one lakh pensioners above 100' in course of time? Pension is a pension irrespective of the pensioner's age. And, time and again it has been clarified by various courts that pension is not a bounty by the government but a rightful 'deferred salary' for pensioners.

A government employee gets only one pension unlike an elected representative who has nothing to worry about financially.

A. Jainulabdeen,
Chennai

Appeal worth pursuing

The appeal made by one of cricket's all time greats, Wasim Akram, at *The Hindu*'s 'Lit for Life' festival, for the resumption of cricketing ties between India and Pakistan and the people-to-people relationship as well must be heeded. Sport could turn out to be a great unifier.

C.V. Aravind,
Bengaluru

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International courts and climate change

Prabhash Ranjan

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A group of 16 countries has launched a gallant effort to fight the problem of climate change – an existential threat to human civilisation – at the United Nations (UN). Led by Vanuatu – an island country in the South Pacific Ocean – the group seeks an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on the issue of climate change.

The ICJ has two types of jurisdictions: contentious and advisory. While contentious jurisdiction refers to resolving legal disputes between consenting states, under advisory jurisdiction, the UN General Assembly (UNGA), the Security Council (SC) and other specialised bodies of the organisation can request the ICJ for an opinion on a legal question. Unlike decisions given under the contentious jurisdiction, the ICJ's advisory opinions are non-binding. Yet, they carry normative weight and clarify international law on a relevant issue. The ICJ's advisory opinion on climate change will also be handy in climate-related litigation at the national level.

Vanuatu's initiative

Notwithstanding the presence of several international legal instruments on climate change such as the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement, the international community has fallen short of delivering concrete solutions to the problem of climate change.

The recently concluded 27th UN Climate Change Conference (COP-27) where countries failed to narrow their differences on critical issues such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions perfectly exemplifies the failure of the international community to get its act together on the issue of climate change.

Small Island Developing (SID) states such as Vanuatu are most vulnerable to rising temperatures and sea levels. Accordingly, in September 2021, Vanuatu launched an initiative, through the UNGA, to seek an advisory opinion from the ICJ to "clarify the legal obligations of all countries to prevent and redress the adverse effects of climate change". Since then, the initiative has gathered momentum with more than 100 countries backing the idea.

Legal questions

Specifically, the draft resolution piloted by Vanuatu seeks answers to the following questions from the ICJ.

First, what are the international law obligations of countries toward the protection of the climate system from anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases for the present and future generations? In answering this question, expectedly, the ICJ will not only interpret and clarify the existing international climate change law enshrined in various international environmental treaties but, as several scholars argue, also use the general and customary international law (CIL) to fill the gaps in these treaties. Thus, the ICJ can use the 'no-harm' principle (states are under an obligation that activities within their jurisdiction do not damage other countries) – an important part of CIL – to shed light on equivocal provisions of the Paris Agreement.

Second, given these international legal obligations, what are the legal consequences for states that have caused significant harm to the climate system, the SID states and other people of the present and future generations? This question seeks to determine the price that states should pay for not honouring their international legal obligations on climate change.

As part of climate justice, there is a long-standing demand for climate reparations, that is, the rich countries that have historically caused maximum greenhouse gas emissions should compensate developing countries bearing a disproportionate brunt of climate change.

At COP-27, while it was agreed to establish a "loss and damage" fund to financially assist vulnerable developing countries, there is little clarity on which countries will provide the funding. Moreover, the connection between funding and the historical responsibility of developed countries in emissions is yet to be determined. In this regard, the ICJ's answer to the second question can predictably elaborate on the legal principles that might help the operationalisation of the 'loss and damage' fund.

Role of ITLOS

It is not just the ICJ whose advisory opinion is being sought. The Commission of Small Island States on Climate Change and International Law, comprising countries like Antigua and Barbuda and Tuvalu, has sought the advisory opinion of the Hamburg-based International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS). ITLOS has been requested to determine the specific obligations of the countries under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea about preventing, controlling, and reducing pollution of the marine environment. The challenges of ocean warming, sea level rise and ocean acidification are all linked to the marine environment.

These advisory opinions are not a panacea. They may even turn out to be double-edged swords depending on the kind of verdict delivered. Nonetheless, as part of a multi-pronged approach to saving our planet, one should welcome the role of international courts. Developed countries and groupings like the G-20 should support these laudable initiatives of the SID states. Environment and climate sustainability are important themes of G-20. India, as the president of the G-20, should take a lead given its relentless emphasis on LiFE (developing environment-friendly lifestyle) campaign.

If Vanuatu's request for an advisory opinion goes through, the ICJ will have multiple questions to address regarding climate change and reparations

When the RSS met the JIH

A minority outreach programme by the right-wing group has kicked off a row

STATE OF PLAY

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A closed-door meeting between the leaders of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and the representatives of various Muslim bodies in mid-January in New Delhi has now triggered a political storm in Kerala.

Though the media in the State got wind of the meeting only a month later, the participation of the Jamaat-e-Islami Hind (JIH) in the RSS's minority outreach programme has seemingly acquired a communal colour. The meeting, held at the residence of former Delhi Lieutenant-Governor Najeeb Jung, was reportedly attended by leaders of the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind, the Darul Uloom Deoband, and others, besides Haji Syed Salman Chisti of the Ajmer Sharif Dargah.

Subsequently, JIH general secretary T. Arif Ali had to clarify that the meeting should be seen positively, and that the discussions dwelt on issues that impacted the Muslim community like mob lynching and bulldozer politics.

Nevertheless, the meeting was opposed by other Muslim organisations such as the Samastha Kerala Jamiyyathul Ulama, the Kerala Muslim Jamaath, and the Kerala Nadvathul Mujahideen (KNM).

CM's quip

Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) leaders P.K. Kunhalikutty and M.K. Muneer said that there was no situation for holding talks with the RSS and pointed out that it was dangerous for those who believe in secularism to hold reconciliation talks with the RSS.

It was Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan who put the spotlight on the RSS-JIH secret parleys. He wanted the Muslim outfit to divulge the details of what happened behind closed doors. The Chief Minister also wondered if the Congress and the IUML had any role in these talks.

The JIH State leadership hit back by accusing the Chief Minister and the Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPI(M)) of spreading Islamophobia. The Assistant Amir of the JIH Kerala, P. Mujeeb Rahman, said various other religious groups and even political parties like the CPI(M) have held talks with the RSS in the past but were never subjected to such hostile grilling.

Mr. Rahman said that the JIH could never compromise with the RSS but would accept any opportunity to give vent to the problems of the Muslim community. He also recalled how the JIH had taken the initiative to open a dialogue with the Araya Samajam to calm tempers in the aftermath of the communal violence at Marad two decades ago.

The Congress, too, spoke of the CPI(M)'s hypocrisy. It said the CPI(M) leaders had held secret meetings with the RSS earlier. Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan pointed out that the JIH was in the company of the CPI(M) for nearly 42 years.

Incidentally, the JIH and its political wing, the Welfare Party of India, were staunch supporters of the Left for a long time, but shifted loyalty towards the Congress since the Lok Sabha election of 2019. Thereafter, the CPI(M) has publicly castigated the JIH as a communal outfit.

The CPI(M) now paints both the RSS and the JIH as fundamentalist organisations.

BJP's moral high ground

Taking a high moral ground, BJP State president K. Surendran said that the Congress and the CPI(M) have a strong intolerance towards Muslims and Hindus coexisting peacefully.

However, political observers feel that the JIH has only itself to blame for its current predicament. Its habit of branding people, including Muslim intellectuals, who initiate talks with the RSS, as soft Hindutva supporters has now returned to haunt the JIH. Worse, the JIH had kept the meeting under wraps.

Some infer that the JIH had come to terms with the BJP as the party has strongly consolidated its political position in India. Nonetheless, they have noted that two ideologically opposed organisations sitting across the table in itself was commendable.

Other Muslim groups, too, have made attempts to forge closer bonds with the BJP. Last December, the KNM invited BJP leader and Goa Governor P. Sreedharan Pillai for its State conference.

Meanwhile, the BJP national leadership is starting a Muslim outreach programme across 14 States including Kerala from March 10. Certainly, the RSS has changed since the Narendra Modi-led BJP government assumed office in 2014, but it must rein in some of its fringe right-wing elements to foster a more inclusive society.

Nagaland women: socially empowered, absent in politics

The dichotomy is true for most of the northeastern States as many of them have very few women MLAs

DATA POINT

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Between 2019 and 2021, about 85% of women in Nagaland over the age of 5 had attended school. India's average was only 72%. Less than 6% of Nagaland women aged 20-24 years, married before turning 18. India's average was over 23%. Only 29% Nagaland women were anaemic, while India's average was double that. Over 99% of married women in Nagaland participated in key household decisions and only about 6% had experienced spousal violence – about five times lower than India's figure.

And yet, in the 14 Assembly elections conducted between 1964 and 2018, Nagaland has not elected even one woman MLA. In this facet, Nagaland is an exception, as it is the only State that is yet to elect a woman MLA.

The dearth of women MLAs was not just because they did not win elections, but even among the candidates, representation was poor. The number of women candidates has not crossed six in any of the 14 State polls conducted. In fact, in five elections the number of women candidates was zero. In two elections, it was just one.

Even in 2023, of the 183 candidates in the fray, only four are women. However, in the State, the number of women electors is similar to that of men. Of the 13,17,632 voters, 6,61,489 are men, and 6,56,143 are women. The four women candidates are Hekhani Jakhalu and Salhoutuonuo of the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP), Rosy Thompson of the Congress, and Kahuli Sema of the BJP.

In 2018, Awan Konyak of the NDPP narrowly missed making history in 2018 when her Naga People's Front (NPF) rival defeated her by 905 votes (8%) to bag the Aboi Assembly constituency.

However, notably, way back in 1977, Nagaland had chosen a woman MP; Rano Mese Shazia was elected on a United Democratic Party ticket. Last year, another woman entered Parliament from the State with the BJP nominating S Phangnon Konyak as the Rajya Sabha member from Nagaland.

This trend of being socially empowered but politically underrepresented, can be observed across most of the northeastern States.

Chart 1A shows the female population aged over 5 years who ever attended school. Chart 1B shows women aged 15-49 years who were anaemic. Chart 1C shows women aged 20-24 years who married before turning 18. Chart 1D shows the share of currently married women who usually participated in key household decisions. Chart 1E shows the share of married women aged 18-49 years who have ever experienced spousal violence. The data for all charts was as of 2019-21.

In general, in charts 1A to 1E, Nagaland stands out as a top performer in most counts, closely followed by other northeastern States. In fact, across all indicators, the figures of most northeastern States were better off than India's average. This data shows that women in the northeast are relatively more empowered socially.

Table 2 shows the average share of women MLAs in State legislatures in the three 10-year periods between 1993 and 2022. In the three northeastern States for which 2023 State election results will be announced this week, the average share has not crossed 7% in any of the decades. Except for Sikkim, and to an extent Assam, all other States have had a very poor representation of women in their legislatures in all the periods and are at the bottom of the table.

Whereas, States such as Bihar, Rajasthan and West Bengal, which fare poorly in various women empowerment indicators in charts 1A to 1E, are on top of Table 2.

(With inputs from PTI)

Leading on all fronts except one

The charts and tables were sourced from the Election Commission of India (ECI) and the National Family Health Survey-5. Data in Table 2 were compiled from the ECI by Pratap Vardhan who runs statsofindia.in

Chart 1 | The charts show how States performed across various women empowerment-related indicators. ● India average ● Northeastern States ✚ Poll result bound northeastern States ● Other States/UTs

Chart 1A: % Women aged >5 years to ever attend school

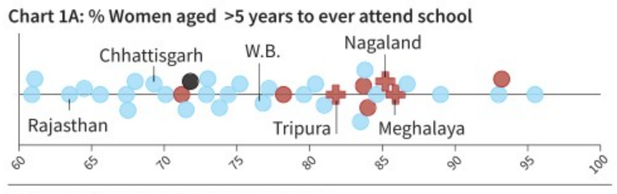

Chart 1B: % women who were anaemic

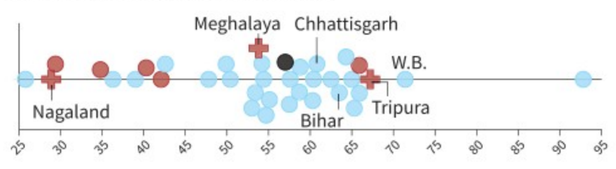

Chart 1C: % women who married before turning 18

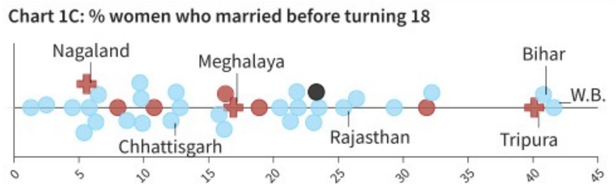

Chart 1D: % women who participated in key household decisions

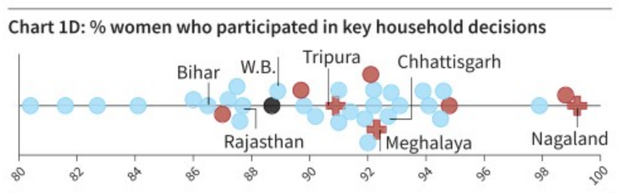

Chart 1E: % women who experienced spousal violence

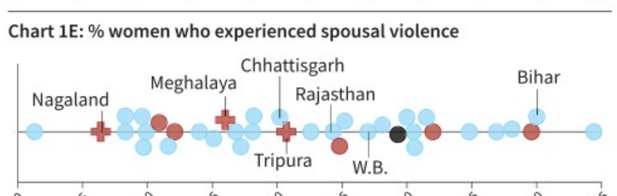

Table 2 | The chart shows the average share of women MLAs in their State legislatures in the three 10-year periods between 1993 and 2022

State/UT	1993-2002	2003-2012	2013-2022
W.B.	7.6	11.9	13.4
Rajasthan	6	10	13
Chhattisgarh	-	9	12.5
Bihar	3.9	8.4	12.1
Haryana	4.9	9.6	12
Jharkhand	-	7	11.3
M.P.	6	9.5	11
U.P.	4.5	6.3	9.8
Sikkim	3	11	9.4
Andhra	6.1	10.3	8.9
Delhi	8.5	7	8.6
Punjab	5.7	7	8.4
Gujarat	2.2	8.2	7.9
Tamil Nadu	8.4	9.2	7.6
Odisha	6.2	6.4	7.6
Uttarakhand	6	6.1	7.4
Assam	5.3	10.1	7.3
Maharashtra	3.6	4	7.1
Puducherry	2.4	0	7.1
Telangana	-	13	7
Tripura	2.5	4	6.5
Kerala	7.5	5.3	6.1
Meghalaya	3.5	2.5	6
H.P.	6.5	4.8	4.7
Goa	7.3	3	4.5
Arunachal	2	1.4	3.8
Manipur	0.6	1.3	3.8
Karnataka	3.1	2	3
J&K	1.7	2.5	2.1
Mizoram	0	0	1.5
Nagaland	0	0	0

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

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FIFTY YEARS AGO MARCH 1, 1973

Budget's impact on middle classes

New Delhi, Feb. 28; The common man welcomed with caution the Central budget presented to Parliament by the Finance Minister, Mr. Y. B. Chavan, to-day. His first reaction was one of relief that Mr. Chavan had not cast his tax net wide as in previous years and had lived up to his claim that articles of mass consumption had been left untouched.

But this feeling of relief did not last long and gave place to an apprehension of possible impact which the indirect taxation proposals would have on the general cost of living, particularly of those belonging to the middle class.

For instance, it was feared that conveyance cost might go up as a result of increased levy on motor spirit and motor vehicle parts and accessories. Petrol would cost 8 paise more per litre and a levy on motor vehicle parts and accessories would go up two fold. The price of lubricating oil, greases and tyres would also go up. Even the cost of repairing tyres would be more as the exemption earlier available for rubber products used for repairing of tyres had been removed and a 30 percent duty has been levied. Although the common man may not own a motor vehicle, these are bound to indirectly affect him through increased fare on travel by buses and taxis. While shedding no tears for those who wanted to buy refrigerators and air-conditioners, the lower and middle income groups felt concerned at the changes proposed in levies on art silk fabrics and certain blended fabrics with cotton ingredients which would affect their clothing budget.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO MARCH 1, 1923

In Parliament

(Reuters's agency)

London, Feb. 28: In the House of Commons, questioned as to whether the enhancement of pensions of certain retired Indian Civil Servants could be included in the scope of enquiries of the proposed Royal Commission, the representative of the Government said that the terms of reference had not been finally settled but the enquiry would be into the future conditions and it would not be practicable to review the cases of retired officers which had already been decided.

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Q3 GDP growth slows to 4.4% from 6.3% in Q2

ICRA's Aditi Nayar said the fact that the NSO had persisted with the 7% growth hopes for this year as projected in early January, implied that GDP growth would improve to 5.1% in the ongoing final quarter of the year, which was higher than "current expectations". While acknowledging the math, the CEA pointed out that even if the 4.4% growth rate of Q3 persisted in the January-March period (Q4), the full-year growth rate would still be about 6.8%.

"The second advance estimates for 2022-23 have retained the overall annual growth at 7% but revised [up] the external sector contribution to this overall growth, which was counterbalanced by a fall in the domestic demand components, especially in private and government consumption expenditure," said D.K. Srivastava, chief policy advisor at EY India. "Thus, domestic demand appears to have weakened relative to the earlier estimate," he added. Cumulatively, the first nine months of 2022-23 have now reported a GVA uptick of 7.2% compared with 10.7% in the same period of 2021-22, while GDP is estimated to have risen 7.7% compared with 11.1% in April to December 2021.

Sharp revisions

Following the data revisions for the past two years, the cumulated average real GDP growth rate over the period 2019-20 to 2022-23 is 3.2%, Mr. Srivastava said. "From a long-term viewpoint, COVID has caused a reduction of nearly 4 percentage points as compared to the potential growth of 7%," he noted. Overall GVA growth in Q1 has been revised lower from the 12.7% reckoned earlier to 12.1%, while the Q2 GVA uptick has been pared marginally from 5.6% estimated earlier to 5.5%. GDP growth for the first quarter of 2022-23 has been revised down to 13.2% from 13.5% estimated earlier, but Q2 GDP growth estimates have been left unchanged.

Manufacturing and Mining GVA contractions for Q2 have been upgraded by the NSO from its earlier estimates of a 4.3% and 2.8% shrinkage in the two sectors, respectively. Agriculture GVA growth, on the other hand, has been downgraded sharply for Q1 as well as Q2. Thanks to the revisions, Q3 Mining and quarrying GVA recovered from a 0.4% contraction in Q2 to grow 3.7% in Q3, while Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing GVA accelerated to 3.7%, the fastest pace of growth this year. However, three other major industry heads recorded lower GVA growth in Q3 from Q2, contributing to the drag on overall growth, including the contact-intensive Trade, Hotels, Transport, Communication and Services related to Broadcasting sectors, which grew at 9.7% compared with 15.6% in Q2.

Rajani Sinha, CARE Ratings' chief economist, expressed greater concern about the fall in India's investment to GDP ratio to around 32 in Q3 from 34 in Q2, and said it is critical that domestic demand should accelerate in the months ahead as external demand conditions remain weak.

'Governors, CMs must have mature dialogue'

The Bench noted that "political differences" between a Governor and a Chief Minister should not degenerate into a slugfest where the State turns out to be the ultimate loser. "Political differences in a democratic polity are acceptable and have to be worked out with a sense of sobriety and maturity without allowing the discourse to degenerate into a race to the bottom," the court underscored.

The genesis of the controversy began in February when Governor Purohit questioned Mr. Mann's decision to send a batch of school principals to Singapore for training. Mr. Mann wrote back to the Governor saying that he was "answerable only to three crore Punjabis and not any Governor appointed by the Centre".

On February 22, when Mr. Purohit was approached by the State Cabinet to convene the Budget Session, he wrote back saying that he would consider convening the Assembly only after taking "legal advice". The Governor's inaction prompted Mr. Mann to approach the Supreme Court directly.

After a short hearing on Tuesday, the court said there was "dereliction of duty" on the parts of both the Governor and the Chief Minister. Turning to the Governor's counsel, the Chief Justice said there was "no occasion for the Governor to seek legal advice, he is bound to convene the House".

Delhi AAP leaders Jain and Sisodia quit Cabinet

Till Tuesday, Mr. Jain continued as a Minister without portfolio and all his departments were being handled by Mr. Sisodia. Mr. Sisodia was in charge of 18 departments, including education, health, and finance. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal accepted their resignations and forwarded them to the Lieutenant-Governor, said a Delhi government spokesperson.

Till new Ministers are appointed, the departments held by Mr. Sisodia have been distributed among Ministers Kailash Gahlot and Raaj Kumar Anand, the spokesperson said.

Earlier in the day, the Supreme Court refused to intervene at this stage in a petition filed by Mr. Sisodia challenging his arrest and advised him to approach the High Court.

Kashmiri Pandit killer among two gunned down, say police

One Army jawan killed and another injured in the encounter at Awantipora in south Kashmir; one of the terrorists was associated with the Hizbul Mujahideen and the Resistance Front, say police

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Quick retaliation: Army personnel at the encounter site where two militants were killed in an encounter on Tuesday, two days after a Kashmiri Pandit was killed in Pulwama. PTI

Two militants, including the one who was behind the killing of Kashmiri Pandit Sanjay Sharma on Sunday morning in the Achan area of Pulwama, were killed by security forces in the Awantipora area of south Kashmir, the police said. One Army jawan was killed and another injured in the encounter.

While one militant was killed in a midnight operation, the other was shot dead during the ongoing Awantipora operation, the police said.

"The killed terrorist [midnight encounter] is identified as Aqib Mushtaq Bhat of Pulwama, an 'A' category militant. He initially worked for the Hizbul Mujahideen terror outfit. Nowadays, he had been working with the TRF [The Resistance Front]. The killer of late Sanjay Sharma has been neutralised," Additional Director-General of Police Vijay Kumar said.

The militant was trapped during a midnight operation in the Padgampora locality of Awantipora, the police said. "One of the militants, who had taken refuge in a mosque, was tactfully neutralised without any damage to the mosque. Extreme caution and limited firepower was used in view of the sacred precincts," Mr. Kumar said. The second militant, who was holed up inside an adjacent building, was neutralised cautiously, as 14 trapped civilians were rescued from the place first, he added.

Two soldiers were injured in the initial exchange of fire with the trapped militant. One soldier died of his injuries, while the other is under treatment at the Army's base hospital in Srinagar, officials said.

One AK-47 rifle, one AKS-74u rifle, one pistol, two grenades, two pouches, five AK magazines, two pistol magazines and two Aadhaar cards were recovered from the site. "Investigation revealed that both the militants... had come together to conspire and attack minorities, outsiders, other vulnerable targets and security forces," the officer said.

Legislator facing disqualification can't attend floor test: SC

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The legislator attending a trust vote would amount to "legitimising" a "constitutional sin", the court said

Allowing an MP or an MLA who is facing disqualification under the anti-defection law to participate in a floor test caused by his own doings will defeat the very purpose of the Tenth Schedule, Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud, heading a Constitution Bench, said on Tuesday.

Permitting a legislator, whose actions caused a split in the party and who is liable to be disqualified for defection, to attend a trust vote would amount to "legitimising" a "constitutional sin", Chief Justice Chandrachud addressed Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's side, led by senior advocate Neeraj Kishan Kaul.

"On the one hand, you say somebody who defects, causes a split within the party, is liable to be disqualified... At the same time, you say that even if that person is liable to be disqualified, in the meantime, he can participate in the trust vote in the House..." Chief Justice Chandrachud told Mr. Kaul.

The court asked whether a legislator who is the very reason for unsettling the ruling government can benefit from a subsequent floor test, which is the product of his actions.

"If the antecedent reasons for a floor test is based on the violation of the proscriptions in the Tenth Schedule, then holding the floor test will defeat the very basis and purpose of the Tenth Schedule... You are legitimising a defection which is otherwise not permissible under the Tenth Schedule," Chief Justice Chandrachud noted.

The court is hearing the dispute between Mr. Shinde and former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray. Disqualification proceedings against Mr. Shinde and his faction under the Tenth Schedule are still pending before the Maharashtra Assembly Speaker.

New Delhi welcomes Foreign Ministers for G-20 meeting amid negotiations over agenda

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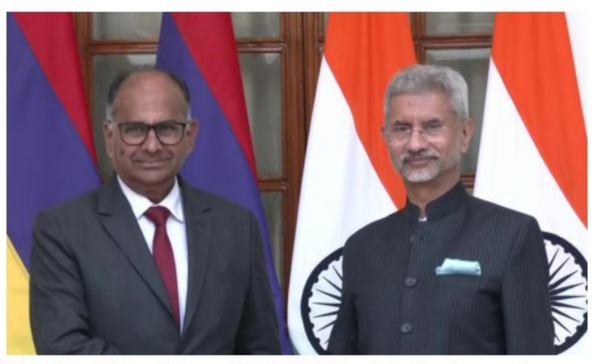

Key discussions: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar meets Mauritius Foreign Minister Alan Ganoo ahead of the G-20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting, on Tuesday. ANI

Negotiators began in-person negotiations in Delhi ahead of the G-20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM), as the government prepared to welcome Foreign Ministers and delegations from more than 30 countries on Wednesday, who will attend the inaugural dinner.

The negotiations, held online last week, were led on Monday evening by G-20 Sous-Sherpa Abhay Thakur and his counterparts from the G-20 countries and the invitee countries to discuss the agenda and the ongoing issues over a joint communique given the divide over the Ukraine war.

Two sessions

The FMM on Thursday will see discussions divided into two sessions, before and after lunch. While the first session will focus on the themes of Strengthening Multilateralism and Need for Reforms, Food and Energy Security and Development Cooperation, the second will focus on Counter-Terrorism: New and Emerging threats, Global Skill Mapping and Talent Pool, and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief . Officials and diplomats said a joint statement remains elusive given the deep divisions between the Russia-China combine and the G-7 western countries-led grouping. However, they said there will be a greater push for a joint statement closer to the final G-20 summit in Delhi in September.

Government sources, however, rejected criticism that the failure of negotiators to forge a joint statement at the G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' meeting in Bengaluru last week reflected badly on India, given that last year's Bali Summit had forged a consensus.

"India's considered and balanced position contributed in forging the Bali Declaration. In particular, the Prime Minister's statement that this is not an era of war found great resonance. Our endeavour was to reflect the Bali consensus in the G-20 Finance Ministers' Meeting, [as] expressed in the Chair's Summary and Outcome Document. Therefore any criticism is misplaced and factually inaccurate," sources said.

Invitees arriving

Officials pointed out that while the pre-FMM dinner in Indonesia was boycotted last year by the G-7 countries in protest against the presence of Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, they are hoping that many of the invitees will attend this year's "Networking Reception and Conversation over Dinner" event.

While Mr. Lavrov landed on Tuesday evening, Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang, Australian Foreign Minister Penny Wong, U.K. Foreign Secretary James Cleverly, European Union High Representative/Vice-President Josep Borrell and Foreign Minister of Brazil Mauro Vieira are arriving in Delhi in time for the dinner. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock are among those likely to arrive overnight after the dinner, but in time for the FMM formal sessions to be held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan grounds on Thursday.

Govt. weighs in on telcos' demand for 'usage fee'

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Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Tuesday weighed in on telecom companies' demand that over-the-top (OTT) communications apps pay a "usage fee" to operators because of how much traffic the latter carry for them on their networks.

"There is a global movement, a global discussion [on OTT apps], lots and lots of regulatory changes are happening in the entire world," Mr. Vaishnaw said.

Mr. Vaishnaw said the goal to cover at least 200 districts with 5G technology had been finished earlier than the promised date of March 31. On the draft Indian Telecommunication Bill, 2022, the Minister said the government wants to pass it by the Monsoon Session of Parliament.

Investigation completed into mid-air 'collision' between two IAF fighters

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Sources said the two fighter jets crashed mid-air while practising close-combat manoeuvres along with a third aircraft. PTI

The investigation into an accident involving two Indian Air Force (IAF) fighter jets, an SU-30MKI and a Mirage-2000, is complete, and the Court of Inquiry (CoI) findings will be sent to the Air Headquarters after due process, in what is a case of mid-air collision during close combat manoeuvres.

"The CoI is complete and the findings are with the Command. After requisite processing [which also includes legal vetting] it will be sent to the Air Headquarters," a defence source said.

While the exact reason behind the incident will be revealed by the findings, sources said the two fighter jets crashed mid-air while practising close-combat manoeuvres along with a third aircraft. The pilots of the third jet are key witnesses in the inquiry in addition to the flight data recorders and other digital evidence and the two pilots who ejected safely.

The accident

On the morning of January 28, the two ill-fated aircraft and another fighter jet took off from the Gwalior airbase in Madhya Pradesh on a close combat training mission when the incident occurred. The Mirage crashed immediately in Morena, resulting in the death of Wing Commander Hanumanth Rao Sarathi, while the Sukhoi flew for some distance and crashed in Bharatpur, Rajasthan, giving time for the two pilots to eject safely. A CoI was immediately ordered which was headed by an Air Commodore.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence, in a report tabled in March 2022, had expressed concern over air accidents and the Defence Ministry had replied that there were 105 aircraft accidents during each year of the Eleventh and Twelfth Five-Year Plans.

Reduced over the years

"The number of aircraft accidents has reduced from an average of 13 accidents per year in 11th plan (April 01, 2007 to March 31, 2012) to an average of 8 accidents per year in 12th plan (April 01, 2012 to March 31, 2017). During 13th five-year Defence plan, an average of six accidents per year have taken place. In last Financial Year (2020-21), the accident rate was the lowest in last 50 years," it said.

"It is evident from the data given below that accident rate has decreased considerably in the last two decades," the report said.

Will 'all-powerful' agencies investigate Vinod Adani: Cong.

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NEW DELHI

The Congress on Tuesday asked if the "all-powerful" agencies will investigate allegations of "round-tripping and money laundering" by offshore shell companies that are allegedly connected to Gautam Adani's elder brother, Vinod Adani.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said that in its January 29 response to "serious allegations" against Mr. Vinod Adani, the Adani Group had tried to distance itself from him.

"Yet more and more revelations are coming out about Vinod Adani's central role in the Adani Group," Mr. Ramesh said.

He pointed out a letter signed by the Adani Enterprises Company Secretary Jatin Jalundhwala and said it clearly showed Vinod Adani to be a key player in Adani Group affairs.

APPEAL

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Tackling breach of privilege is not throttling free speech: V-P

Jagdeep Dhankhar alludes to disruptions during sessions in both Houses of Parliament, while explaining the breach of privilege mechanism; he also urges students to question and 'neutralise' those who 'play politics'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

"Hauling someone up for breach of [House] privilege in Parliament is not throttling of [right to freedom of] expression," Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar said here on Tuesday.

"The House has to preserve the dignity of 140 crore people [of India] so that it does not become an *akhada* (arena) or a dumping ground for any information, unverified, allegatory, reckless, to set narratives," he said at the inauguration of the Centre for Innovation (CFI) at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Madras.

Promoting talent: Jagdeep Dhankhar at the inauguration of the Centre for Innovation at the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras on Tuesday. PTI

'Taking responsibility'

Mr. Dhankhar added that in the House, there would be "full flow of information and expression... but it comes with one tag. You must authenticate the information. You must take responsibility for the information and if that turns out to be wrong, we have a mechanism in Parliament [called] 'breach of privilege'."

The mechanism is evoked to throttle dumping of recklessly made unauthenticated information, misusing the platform of Parliament, he explained.

Noting that he was reflecting on some editorials, Mr. Dhankar said Article 105 of the Constitution protected MPs from criminal litigation, a great privilege. But this privilege was not without responsibility and accountability. "It does not give the member licence to share anything on the floor of the House," he said.

The Vice-President said youngsters must rationally question persons who "play politics" and "they must be combated and neutralised".

Mr. Dhankhar was alluding to issues such as the BBC documentary *India: The Modi Question* and the George Soros issue that led to disruptions in Parliament.

Scale of growth

He urged students to take pride in the country's accomplishments, asking them to look at the scale at which things were being executed currently. Around 150 million gas connections had been given and 220 crore beneficiaries had been administered COVID vaccines and also received digital certification, he added.

He termed the students "warriors of 2047", and said IIT Madras Director V. Kamakoti along with the faculty "will be creating the warriors who will shape the destiny of India in 2047". He congratulated the institute's incubation cell that has hosted over 300 start-ups valued collectively at ₹40,000 crore, and praised the alumni for their support.

Congress counters PM's remarks against Kharge and Sonia

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Modi has repeatedly shown that he is unable to uphold the dignity of the office that he holds, says the Congress

The Congress on Tuesday hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his comments against former Congress president Sonia Gandhi, saying that Mr. Modi is unable to maintain the dignity of the office he holds.

At Belagavi in Karnataka on Monday, Mr. Modi accused the Congress of "insulting and disrespecting" party president Mallikarjun Kharge.

He said, "The weather was hot and everyone standing there [at the plenary session] was feeling the heat, but Kharge did not even have the shade of an umbrella. The umbrella was for someone standing next to him. This shows that Mr. Kharge is the Congress president just for the sake of it and is being remote-controlled by a family."

The PM was alluding to the pictures of Ms. Gandhi standing under an umbrella.

Countering Mr. Modi's comments, Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate said the Prime Minister must remember that whenever he made a derogatory remark against Mr. Kharge, he was denigrating the electorate that had been electing Mr. Kharge to the Assembly, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha for the past 50 years.

'Insulting women'

"Ms. Gandhi is ailing and was advised not to go out in the sun and dust, but she still chose to because of her dedication to the party. By making such remarks, the Prime Minister is insulting not only her but every woman in the country," she said.

The PM has repeatedly shown that he is unable to uphold the dignity of the office that he holds, Ms. Shrinate asserted.

She sought to remind him that the BJP meted out pitiable treatment to all its leaders who crossed the age of 75.

Secular forces should unite to defeat BJP: CPI

The Hindu Bureau
PUDUCHERRY

Communist Party of India (CPI) general secretary D. Raja on Tuesday said it was not politically desirable to talk about a third front at the national level as the strategy of the Opposition should be to defeat the BJP in the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

Briefing presspersons on the concluding day of the party's national council here, he said "the CPI is not talking about third front and all we are asking is for the consolidation of secular and democratic forces against the BJP in the next parliamentary elections".

He was responding to a query related to the Congress's assertion at its Raipur plenary that emergence of a third front would only help the BJP. The CPI leader said the Opposition parties had the experience of working together in the past with the aim to defeat the BJP.

The national council, he said, held deliberations on the prevailing political and economic situation in the country. The party was of the view that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led NDA government, the country was facing upheaval to its basic fabric. Party workers would be reaching out to voters from April 14 to May 15 to explain the "misdeeds" of the Union government, he said.

India, Australia to sign agreement on mutual recognition of qualifications

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Australian Education Minister Jason Clare arrived in Delhi on Tuesday, leading a delegation of Australian higher education leaders to promote collaborations between the two countries.

The Australian Minister is on an official visit to India from February 28 to March 3, during which he will attend a student exchange programme and a series of meetings along with Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to provide momentum to bilateral relations in the domain of education.

Jason Clare

The two Ministers will also sign the Mechanism for the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications which locks in the rules for mutual recognition to access education in both countries. "This will be the broadest and most favourable recognition agreement India has signed with another country and will enhance student mobility between both countries," the Australian Minister said in a press statement.

He also said that India's National Education Policy, which has set a target of raising enrolment in higher education and vocational education to 50% by 2035, provided a "genuine opportunity for Australian education providers to do more to collaborate with India".

His trip comes ahead of Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's visit to India in early March. It is also reliably learnt that during Mr. Albanese's visit, Australia's Deakin University will announce an independent foreign campus in Gujarat's GIFT City, becoming the first international university to set up an offshore campus here.

Deakin University's vice-president (global alliances) and CEO (South Asia), Ravneet Pahwa, however, declined to comment on the development.

Education Minister's delegation also comprises Vice Chancellors and other higher-education leaders representing nearly 11 Australian universities.

Portal opened for complaints against decisions of social media platforms

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology on Tuesday launched the Grievance Appellate Committee (GAC) portal under the IT Rules, 2021, allowing people dissatisfied with resolution of complaints to social media companies on content take-down requests, to be heard by one of the three committees constituted by the government.

The move marks a shift in how social media content is moderated in India.

This marks a shift in how social media content is moderated in India. The Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 were amended last year to require social media companies to "respect all the rights accorded to the citizens under the Constitution, including in the articles 14, 19 and 21," signalling that social media platforms may now have to allow speech that is not allowed on their platforms, but are otherwise legal to express in public.

Three committees were formed in January to receive complaints to put these amendments into action. The website of the GACs is now accepting appeals from the public. The IT Rules already require platforms to have a process for accepting complaints against content and appeals against take-downs from users; companies' decisions in response to these appeals, though, will now ultimately be subject to the GACs' orders. India is not the only country moving away from treating platforms such as Facebook and Twitter as mere private "intermediaries".

The IT Ministry has indicated that it is working on a "Digital India Bill" to give a firmer statutory backing to the IT Rules.

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Govt. will support onion farmers: Maharashtra CM

Amid reports of falling prices of onions in the wholesale markets across Maharashtra, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Tuesday said that the current dispensation stood firmly with the onion farmers and financial help would be provided, if required. Speaking in the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Shinde said NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd.) had started onion procurement and that would push the prices up. According to reports, the price of onions crashed to ₹2 or ₹3 a kg (depending on the quality of the product) on Monday, at Lasalgaon Agriculture Produce Market Committee, Nashik. The farmers stopped the auction and staged a protest.

RSS affiliate to brainstorm on conversion, reservation

Vishwa Samvad Kendra – the media wing of the RSS – along with Gautam Buddha University (Noida) will hold a conclave on March 4 and 5 to discuss the question of extending reservation to those from the Scheduled Castes who have converted to Islam or Christianity. Pravesh Kumar, Assistant Professor at the Centre for Comparative Politics and Political Theory at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and coordinator of the programme, said the aim of the conclave was to understand prevailing opinion on the issue of whether reservation should be given to those who have converted.

India-EU free trade pact will be game changer: Jaishankar

The free trade agreement (FTA) that is under discussion between India and the European Union is a "very important goal", External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Tuesday. At the CII India-Europe Business and Sustainability Conclave, Mr. Jaishankar highlighted India's "fast-track" approach to FTA negotiations and said a trade pact between the two sides would be a "game changer". "With like-minded partners, we have actually demonstrated in recent years a fast-track change in our FTA negotiation processes. FTAs with the UAE and Australia were actually concluded in record time," he said.

Over 9,000 Janaushadhi Kendras in country: Minister

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said on Tuesday that as on January 31, the number of stores selling cheap generic medicines – Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras – stood at 9,082. On the occasion of the Department of Pharmaceuticals marking eight years of the scheme, the Minister said, "The government has set a target to increase the number of Janaushadhi Kendras to 10,000 by December." Medicines available under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) are priced 50% to 90% lower than their branded variants. The product basket of PMBJP comprises 1,759 drugs and 280 surgical instruments. Products like protein powders are also offered.

Heatwaves likely from March to May: IMD forecast

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Expect a searing summer with "above normal" temperatures, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Tuesday, in its forecast for most of northeastern, eastern and central India and parts of northwest India.

Heatwaves during March-May are likely in most parts of India, except for Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, coastal Karnataka and the northeastern States, according to an accompanying forecast map by the department.

Accentuating the heat is the lack of rainfall. "Below normal rainfall is most likely over most areas of northwest India, west central India and some parts of east & northeast India. Normal to above normal rainfall is likely over most parts of peninsular India, east central India and some isolated pockets of northeast India," the IMD communique noted.

The temperature in February hit record levels, with many parts of northern and western India reporting 35-39 degrees Celsius, about 3-5 degrees above normal. La Nina conditions – or below normal temperatures– are prevailing over the equatorial Pacific.

ISRO successful in key test for India's third moon mission

Cryogenic engine that will power a crucial stage of the LVM3 launch vehicle of Chandrayaan-3 put through flight acceptance hot test

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully conducted the flight acceptance hot test of the CE-20 cryogenic engine that will power the Cryogenic Upper Stage of the LVM3 launch vehicle for the Chandrayaan-3 mission.

The space agency said the test was conducted on Friday (February 24) at the ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu.

"The hot test was carried out for a planned duration of 25 seconds at the High Altitude Test Facility. All the propulsion parameters during the test were found satisfactory and closely matched with predictions. The cryogenic engine will be further integrated with the propellant tanks, stage structures and associated fluid lines to realise the fully integrated flight cryogenic stage," the ISRO said.

This flight acceptance hot test of the CE-20 cryogenic engine comes a day after the Chandrayaan-3 lander successfully completed the crucial EMI-EMC (Electromagnetic Interference/ Electromagnetic Compatibility) test at the U.R. Rao Satellite Centre in Bengaluru.

The Chandrayaan-3 interplanetary mission has three major modules – propulsion, lander and rover modules. The mission's complexity calls for establishing radio-frequency (RF) communication links between the modules.

Chandrayaan-3 is India's third moon mission and is a follow-on mission to Chandrayaan-2 to demonstrate end-to-end capability in safe landing and roving on the lunar surface. The mission is slated to be launched later this year by Launch Vehicle Mark 3 (LMV3) from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota.

Thumbs up: The flight acceptance hot test of the CE-20 cryogenic engine (seen left) was carried out at the ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

NBDSA finds several TV programmes have violated ethics code

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The News Broadcasting and Digital Standards Authority (NBDSA), through a series of orders, has held certain programmes aired by News18 India and Zee News to be in violation of the Code of Ethics and Broadcasting Standards and Specific Guidelines.

The news channels have been directed to remove their videos from online platforms.

With respect to a News18 India news debate of January 18, 2022, the NBDSA observed that the thrust of the programme had religious undertones. "By starting the debate on the premise that 20% people were ganging up against Hindus constituting 80%, the anchor had given the debate a thrust which is communal in nature and not appropriate," it said.

Imposing a fine of ₹50,000, the order said: "No doubt, even those elements belonging to minorities who give inflammatory speeches against the people of other religions/majority, have to be condemned. If the debate had been confined with such an objective in mind, probably there would have not been any problem with the same. However, utterances of a few such individuals belonging to a particular community should not lead to communal divide."

As regards a *"Desh Nahi Jhukne Denge with Aman Chopra Live"* show related to the Praveen Nettaru murder case, the NBDSA noted that "during the debate the anchor, instead of blaming a few miscreants for the murders and violence, in fact, blamed the religion for the violence that occurred".

Another programme pertaining to alleged police violence was broadcast on October 4, 2022. Stating that the broadcaster failed to condemn police violence, the authority imposed a fine of ₹25,000.

Objectivity needed

In its order on a complaint against a Zee News programme dated July 12, 20022, which was related to the Uttar Pradesh population control Bill, the NBDSA said it was permissible to conduct a debate on the issue of population explosion, but the broadcast apparently "lacked objectivity and neutrality as it disproportionately focused only on one religion/community as being solely responsible for the population growth".

Proton beam therapy out of reach for many with cancer

Maitri Porecha
NEW DELHI

Cancer patients in India face twin challenges when it comes to accessing proton beam therapy (PBT): not enough facilities offering the treatment and cost running into many lakhs of rupees.

The PBT is considered a viable alternative to radiation for treating solid tumours, especially head and neck cancers.

The privately-run Apollo Hospital said on Tuesday that it has treated up to 900 patients in its Chennai-based Proton Cancer Centre, and 47% of those cases are brain tumours. Patients with cancers of the prostate, ovaries, breast, lungs, bones and soft tissues have also seen promising results in terms of recovery through the therapy, said Sapna Nangia, radiation oncologist at Apollo Proton Cancer Centre.

Unlike radiation which uses X-rays, the PBT uses protons to tackle cancer. While radiation can prove toxic to the whole body, protons can destroy cancer cells precisely by targeting tumours, thus saving adjoining organs.

Benefits for women

"This has proved useful in the cases of young women whose ovaries and reproductive function could be salvaged through the therapy," Dr. Nangia said.

Apollo Hospital is the only centre in the whole of South and West Asia offering the PBT. With the Indian government shelving a project to install a PBT unit in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (Jhajjar), there is a huge unmet need for access to the treatment, official sources told *The Hindu*.

Another project that is yet to see the light of day is the proposed PBT unit at the National Hadron Beam facility of Tata Memorial Hospital in Navi Mumbai. The foundation stone for the project was laid by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in 2014.

Over 24,000 people die each year because of brain tumours, according to the International Association of Cancer Registries. "In India, the estimated number of cancer incidence cases in 2022 was over 14 lakh," said Harish Trivedi, CEO of Apollo Proton Cancer Centres. Even if the PBT can be helpful in select cases of cancer among these, the estimate is substantial," Dr. Nangia says.

According to another estimate drawn by Tata Memorial Hospital, approximately 40,000 children in India are diagnosed with cancer every year and up to 1,400 of them would potentially benefit from the PBT.

Currently there are 42 PBT machine installations in the U.S., followed by Europe (35), Japan (26), China (seven), Taiwan (three) and South Korea (two), while India has only one.

Skewed ratio

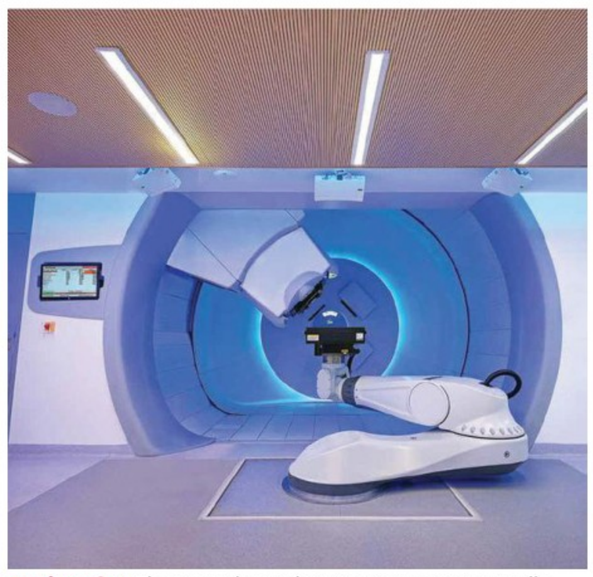
"In the U.S., each unit of proton beam therapy serves a population of 7.9 million, while in India there is one unit for 1,412 million people. The ratio is very skewed," Dr. Nangia explained.

The PBT unit in the AIIMS was meant to benefit poor patients as the treatment would have been free of cost. Currently, Apollo Hospital has been able to reduce the cost from nearly ₹1.2 crore (as charged in the U.S.) to between ₹5 lakh and ₹30 lakh, Mr. Trivedi added.

But setting up a PBT centre is fraught with infrastructural and regulatory challenges stemming from safety concerns from the Department of Atomic Energy. A PBT machine is a huge contraption, up to three storeys tall and costs nearly ₹500 crore.

"Apollo has imported the machine from France-based Ion Beam Applications. Other companies like Japanese MNC Hitachi and U.S.-based Varian Medical Systems manufacture the high-end expensive contraption," Dr. Nangia said.

Mr. Trivedi added, "Also, there are concerns of safety, as hydrogen is a highly volatile element and we have to run daily checks to prevent leak."



Cutting edge: The proton beam therapy can target cancer cells precisely, thus saving adjoining organs. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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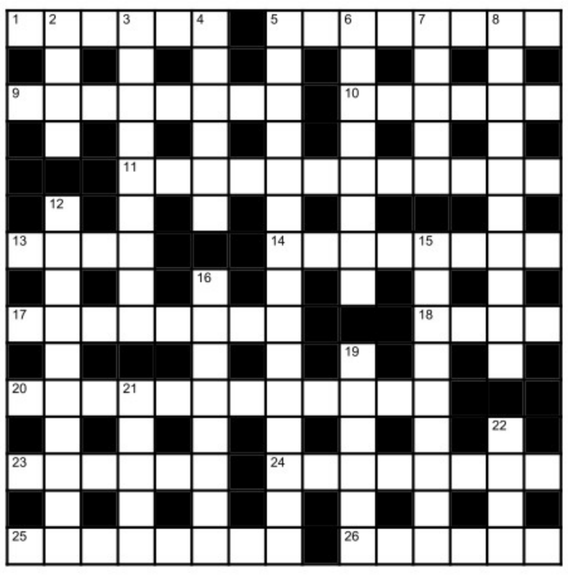

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9 Money lost in shopping centre by Avtaar gets announced every second (3-2-3)
10 Hooked pipe filled with a mass (6)
11 Overwhelming song amidst picnic (12)
13 Journalist returned on second March (4)
14 Go before receding volcano with boyfriend (8)
17 Lady heralding Queen holding women's coat from India (8)
18 Agatha's work standard (4)
20 A river and sea corroded this range (6,6)
23 Little beast's two young ones doing a flip-flop (3-3)
24 English expert heading out towards the Orient (8)
25 A set of books about unknown, empty metaphors that have contrary meanings (8)
26 She misses a scheduled appointment with old husband and kid in retreat (2-4)

Down

2 Smart Alec stripped after babe undressed (4)
3 Focus of patriot and officer - my country's flag, perhaps? (9)
4 Places to spend the night close to lakes surrounded by moors (6)
5 Uncertainty in stipulations covering reorganisation of Levant is beginning to unsettle Spain (15)
6 Old garments American pulled out for international parades (8)
7 Cambodian king held meetings engaging revolution's leaders (5)
8 Right reasons to supply sound analysers (10)
12 Tradesman, basically trained in essentials of mechanics (10)
15 Enjoyed hemming name on recycled women's wear and work overalls (9)
16 God has transformed Kerala? Nonsense! (8)
19 Legendary doctor featured in "Retrospective of Glasnost - A watershed" (6)
21 Entertaining player of Broncos? (5)
22 Cut, cold potatoes (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Sumantra back in Ayodhya

Sumantra's request that he accompany Rama is refused by the latter. Sumantra drives the chariot back to Ayodhya. The citizens of Ayodhya run towards him, anxious for news about Rama. When he tells them that Rama has crossed the Ganga and has gone to the forest, they are heartbroken. Rama had been like a father to all of them, being present at functions in their families and giving them gifts on such occasions. He had always done what was best for them, said Navalpakkam Vasudevachariar, in a discourse. The people of Ayodhya weep for Rama, as Sumantra goes to Dasaratha's palace. When Sumantra tells Dasaratha that Rama has entered the forest, Dasaratha faints, and falls to the ground. His wives Kausalya and Sumitra lift him up, and console him. Kausalya asks him why he now feels ashamed of what he has done. She urges him to stop thinking about what he has done, and to listen to what Sumantra has to say. After all, Kaikeyi is not present there at the moment. So can he not fearlessly enquire about Rama?

When the king recovers, he asks Sumantra many questions about Rama. What can Rama eat in a forest, when He is accustomed to eating good food at the palace? Can He lie down on the ground, when He is used to sleeping on comfortable beds? How can Rama, Sita and Lakshmana live in the forest where animals and snakes live? At least Sumantra has been lucky enough to have a final look at Dasaratha's sons, as they entered the forest. He must now tell Dasaratha what Rama, Lakshmana and Sita had said. Sumantra then gives the king an account of all that had happened to Rama, Lakshmana and Sita.

TEHRAN

In Iran, endangered Asiatic cheetah cub dies at 10 months

AP

Iran's only Asiatic cheetah cub died Tuesday despite days of treatment for kidney failure, local media reported. Pirouz, 10 months old, had been the only survivor of three endangered cheetahs. The semiofficial *Tasnim News Agency* reported on Tuesday that days of treatment had failed to save him. AP

HONG KONG

Hong Kong scraps one of world's last COVID-19 mask mandates

AFP

Hongkongers will finally be able to leave home without a face mask from Wednesday, nearly 1,000 days after the mandate was imposed. Face coverings will no longer be required indoors, outdoors or on public transport, the government announced, ending a measure that has become a relic globally. AFP

WASHINGTON

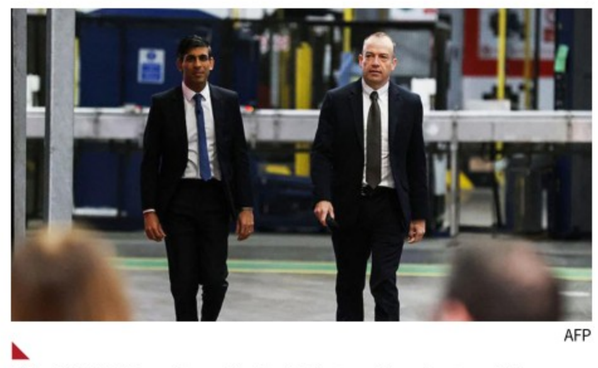
Haley slams Pak., says U.S. won't be world's ATM if she voted to power

AP

Indian-American Republican Presidential candidate Nikki Haley on Tuesday said that if she is voted to power in 2024, the U.S. will not be the "world's ATM" and pay "bad guys" like Pakistan. In the op-ed, Ms. Haley wrote that America spent $46 billion on foreign aid in last year, which is given to countries like China, Pakistan, and Iraq. PTI

LONDON

U.K. PM Rishi Sunak tries to win over sceptics to his Brexit deal



AFP

U.K. PM Rishi Sunak travelled to Belfast on Tuesday to sell his landmark agreement with the EU to Unionist politicians who fear post-Brexit trade rules are weakening Northern Ireland's place in the U.K. The U.K. and the EU had announced that they had struck a deal to resolve a dispute over Northern Ireland trade. AP

China adopts plan to 'reform' Party and state institutions

The draft plan, adopted at a plenum of the Central Committee, will be presented next week to the annual meeting of the National People's Congress, which convenes in Beijing for one week

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

China's ruling Communist Party on Tuesday concluded a key annual meeting and adopted a plan "for the reform of party and state institutions" that is set to further tighten the party's – and leader Xi Jinping's – direct oversight of government bodies.

A communique released in Beijing after the three-day, behind closed doors meeting, or plenum, of 373 members of the Central Committee, said the reforms would cement "the overall leadership of the party". The draft plan – yet to be made public – will first be presented next week to the annual meeting of Parliament, or the National People's Congress (NPC), which convenes in Beijing for one week, starting March 5. The plenum "adopted a plan for the reform of party and state institutions", it said, and "agreed to put part of the reform plan to the...NPC for deliberation".

Centralising power: The reform is expected to further tighten the party and Xi Jinping's direct oversight of government bodies. AFP

Since taking over in 2012, Mr. Xi, who began a third term as CPC General Secretary in October 2022 and will begin his third term as President after the NPC concludes, has already overhauled the party-state machinery, bringing tighter control and oversight over the functioning of bureaucrat-led government departments.

Decision-making has been moved out of government Ministries to newly set up party-led commissions, such as the Central Foreign Affairs Commission, which replaced earlier smaller "party leading groups". The commissions have brought greater centralisation,

Socialist modernisation

"Efforts are needed to deepen institutional reform in key areas and ensure the party's leadership over socialist modernisation becomes more refined in an institutional setup, more optimised in the division of functions, more improved in institutions and mechanisms, and more efficient in operation and management," the communique said, adding that the reform would "follow the principles of adhering to the overall leadership of the party."

The plenum also adopted a list of candidates, set to be rubber-stamped by the largely ceremonial NPC next week, to head government Ministries for the next five years. Several Ministries will see sweeping changes with new appointments set to be confirmed at the NPC, including that of Li Qiang, a close Xi ally, who will replace Li Keqiang as the next Premier or head of the State Council. The recently appointed new Foreign Minister Qin Gang, who will attend the G-20 meeting in New Delhi on March 2, may be appointed as a State Councillor in charge of foreign affairs, with his predecessor Wang Yi already promoted to the Politburo to head the office of the Central Foreign Affairs Commission.

'Situation extremely tense around Bakhmut'

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Ukraine said on Tuesday its troops were under pressure in the near-destroyed frontline city of Bakhmut, where Russian forces were launching heavy assaults after months of fighting.

The former eastern industrial hub has become largely a political objective since the longest battle in Russia's year-long invasion has already reduced it to rubble, causing high casualties on both sides.

As combat raged, NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg said the priority for Ukraine was to fight off Russia's invasion with allies' backing and that in the "long-term" the nation would join the alliance. *AFP* aerial footage shows almost all of Bakhmut's buildings in ruins and smoke rising over the city once known for its sparkling wine production and salt mines. The governor of the eastern Donetsk region, Pavlo Kyrylenko, said mid-February that out of the 70,000 people who lived in the city before the war, less than 5,000 civilians, including 140 children remained.

Pakistan court issues arrest warrant against Imran Khan

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

A Pakistani court on Tuesday issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against former Prime Minister Imran Khan in the Toshakhana case but he was granted bail in two other cases, amid high drama outside the court premises.

Mr. Khan, the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief, travelled from his Zaman Park residence in Lahore to Islamabad to appear in three cases here.

Additional sessions judge Zafar Iqbal issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against the 70-year-year-old former Prime Minister in the Toshakhana case. The court issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against Khan and adjourned the hearing till March 7 for his repeated failure to appear before the court. His indictment, in this case, was earlier postponed twice due to his absence. Mr. Khan has been in the crosshairs for buying gifts, including an expensive Graff wristwatch he had received as the premier at a discounted price from the state depository called Toshakhana and selling them for profit.

Imran Khan

The former cricketer-turned-politician was, however, granted bail by the Anti-Terrorism court (ATC) and the banking court in the prohibited funding case as he appeared here in the judicial complex as hundreds of his supporters thronged the vicinity.

Meanwhile, ATC judge Raza Jawed granted Khan interim bail till March 9. The Islamabad Police had registered a terrorism case against Mr. Khan and senior PTI leaders for allegedly vandalising State property in response to the Toshakhana case.

The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) in October last year filed a case in an Islamabad-based banking court against Khan and other PTI leaders over allegedly receiving prohibited funding.

The Election Commission of Pakistan last year found the party guilty of concealing that it had received the money and also disqualified Mr. Khan. The prohibited funding case was filed by estranged PTI founding member Akbar S. Babar in the ECP in 2014.

Mr. Khan has not attended any hearings since November when he was injured in an assassination attempt at his rally in the Wazirabad area of Punjab.

Sri Lanka bans strikes ahead of mass protest

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe has declared public transport services "essential", in a move that outlaws strike action by those working in the sector. The announcement came days ahead of a mass protest announced by worker unions against the steep rise in taxes and living costs.

The President used his executive powers to invoke an "essential services" order declaring "public transports, delivery of food or drink, or coal, oil, fuel, the maintenance of facilities for transport by road, rail or air... airports, ports and railway lines, as essential services with immediate effect," his office said in a statement.

Dozens of worker unions from Sri Lanka's transport, public health and banking sectors were preparing to go on a strike on Wednesday, after the government doubled income taxes and increased electricity tariff by three times, as part of measures to qualify for a $2.9 million support package from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Following its default last year, Sri Lanka has been counting on the IMF to rescue its battered economy.

While President Wickremesinghe recently said his government has completed 15 tasks set out by the Fund, the loan is contingent on financing assurances from Sri Lanka's top bilateral creditors. China, Japan, and India are the island nation's top three bilateral lenders. India and the Paris Club, of which Japan is a member, have already sent their written assurances to the IMF.

Meanwhile, Mr. Wickremesinghe is also facing increasing public anger over the recent postponement of local body elections. Scheduled for March 9 originally, the polls have now been postponed, owing to the "lack of funds", and authorities are expected to announce a new date later this week.

'Stifling democracy'

Opposition parties have condemned the move, accusing the President of stifling democracy. The Opposition's attack on the government further escalated after a member of the JVP-led Opposition alliance, the Jathika Jana Balawegaya (National People's Power, or NPP), died from injuries sustained in a protest held in Colombo on Sunday, demanding elections.

Police fired tear gas and water cannons on protesters, injuring many, and provoking sharp criticism from rights defenders and others Opposition parties, including the NPP's chief rival Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB or United People's Force).

In a rare message supporting the NPP's right to protest, Leader of the Opposition and the SJB, Sajith Premadasa, said in a tweet on Sunday: "No leader or party has ever been right all the time, it's why we need to tolerate dissenting voices within a democracy. Today #NPP protestors were tear gassed and many sustained many serious injuries. The Government's message is loud and clear to the public, 'shut up and sit down'," ending with the phrase Mr. Wickremesinghe recently used in Parliament to silence critics on the other side of the aisle.

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INBRIEF

Mortgage lender HDFC raises home loan rates by 25 bps

Mortgage lender HDFC Ltd. said it has increased the Retail Prime Lending Rate (RPLR) on housing loans, to which its Adjustable Rate Home Loans (ARHL) are benchmarked, by 25 basis points, with effect from March 1. This comes weeks after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) increased the repo rate by 25 basis points (bps) to control inflation. HDFC said for customers whose credit score is 760 and more, the rate of interest would be 8.70% per annum.

State Bank of India raises $1 bn in syndicated social loan

State Bank of India (SBI) said it has completed a $1 billion syndicated social loan facility 'which is significant for SBI and the Indian ESG financing market.' It is the largest ESG loan by any commercial bank in the Asia Pacific and the second-largest social loan globally, SBI said in a statement. "We are committed to conducting our business operations with the highest standards of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices," said Chairman Dinesh Khara.

MRF plans to induct three new independent directors

Leading tyre manufacturer MRF Ltd., as part of orderly succession in the board, has proposed the appointment of Arun Vasu, Vikram Chesetty and Prasad Oommen as independent directors for a period of five years. Besides, the company has also sought shareholders approval for the reappointment of Arun Mammen as managing director (with the designation of vice-chairman and MD) for a period of five years from April 1.

Core sector output rose to a 10-month high in January

Output across the eight infrastructure sectors expanded by 7.8%, accelerating from December's 7% YoY increase; double-digit growth in electricity and coal suggested steady industrial momentum

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

Output growth in India's eight core sectors hit a four-month high of 7.8% in January, quickening from 7% in December 2022, led by a sharp 17.9% year-on-year uptick in fertiliser production and double-digit expansions in coal mining and electricity generation.

The overall Index of Core Industries, which constitutes about 40% of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), rose to its highest level in 10 months, with production rising 2.9% sequentially from December. Core sectors' output had grown 4% in January 2022.

For the second successive month, all core infrastructure sectors except crude oil, registered growth in output from a year earlier. Steel and cement production grew 6.2% and 4.6%, respectively. However, this was the slowest growth in three months for both sectors.

"The 13.4% growth in coal and 12% rise in electricity is indicative of steady industrial activity during the month," said Madan Sabnavis, chief economist at Bank of Baroda. "Higher power demand is also associated with high growth in... services."

Steady core

Output growth in the core sector, which makes up 40% of the Index of Industrial Production, hit a four-month high in January

- Fertiliser led gains with a 17.9% YoY expansion; coal output rose 13.4%, electricity production increased 12%
- Seven of eight sectors posted growth for second straight month, crude oil output shrank yet again
- Steel, cement posted 6.2% and 4.6% output growth, respectively, the slowest pace in three months

No need for exaggerated concern over external account: CEA

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

There is no need for "exaggerated concern" about India's external account situation, Chief Economic Advisor V. Anantha Nageswaran asserted on Tuesday, while stressing that the Economic Survey's forecast of 6.5% growth for 2023-24 was well within the range of those estimated by other agencies although downside risks dominated the upside potential.

Trade deficit narrowing

"India's merchandise trade deficit, which was running at $30 billion around the third calendar quarter of 2022 has been steadily shrinking, which obviously relieves the pressure on the external account," the CEA said adding that services exports were doing well too.

"Forex reserves after having dipped all the way through October, picked up again and because of the slight withdrawal of portfolio flows in January and February, have shown a slight decline in the last few weeks. Nonetheless, whatever concerns people have with respect to India's external situation at the moment seems somewhat unnecessary. It is something that we need to keep a lookout for, but there is no need for exaggerated concern given the number of months of import cover we have," Mr. Nageswaran concluded.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	58,962	-0.55
US Dollar	82.58	0.25
Gold	55,550	0.05
Brent oil	83.78	1.76

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	1363.85	170.35
Adani Ports	592.45	30.45
Apollo Hosp	4401.65	-38.10
Asian Paints	2828.80	78.90
Axis Bank	844.10	-10.25
Bajaj Auto	3661.20	21.35
Bajaj Finserv	1334.90	-22.50
Bajaj Finance	6112.10	-82.40
Bharti Airtel	742.25	-10.65
BPCL	317.35	-3.10
Britannia Ind	4461.75	73.50
Cipla	906.40	-43.80
Coal India	215.40	-1.55
Divis Lab	2825.60	-32.90
Dr Reddys Lab	4316.60	-104.40
Eicher Motors	3105.90	-25.15
Grasim Ind	1578.55	6.95
HCL Tech	1077.60	-6.35
HDFC	2609.45	17.30
HDFC Bank	1599.60	6.70
HDFC Life	488.80	0.10
Hero MotoCorp	2419.10	-18.45
Hindalco	399.20	-12.60
Hind Unilever	2460.65	-7.50
ICICI Bank	854.85	-1.55
IndusInd Bank	1077.70	-4.25
Infosys	1487.55	-21.75
ITC	376.70	-5.50
JSW Steel	667.20	-13.30
Kotak Bank	1729.25	3.30
L&T	2109.15	-4.55
M&M	1269.60	12.20
Maruti Suzuki	8624.35	-7.85
NestleIndia	18670.00	47.25
NTPC	170.50	-1.90
ONGC	152.05	-3.20
PowerGrid Corp	222.25	3.05
Reliance Ind	2322.55	-45.30
SBI Life	1121.00	-8.15
State Bank	522.80	-4.90
Sun Pharma	956.60	-8.45
TataConsumerProduct	715.30	5.00
Tata Motors	420.70	2.75
Tata Steel	103.95	-2.15
TCS	3312.85	-19.00
Tech Mahindra	1100.25	-13.70
Titan	2372.80	-28.20
UltraTech Cement	7261.30	74.65
UPL	694.20	-14.10
Wipro	387.05	-3.30

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on February 28

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.47	82.79
Euro	87.53	87.87
British Pound	99.76	100.15
Japanese Yen (100)	60.31	60.56
Chinese Yuan	11.89	11.93
Swiss Franc	87.89	88.24
Singapore Dollar	61.14	61.39
Canadian Dollar	60.78	61.04
Malaysian Ringitt	18.37	18.46
Australian Dollar	55.51	55.77

Source:Indian Bank

Adani debt concern likely overstated, says SES

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

With about $140 billion in market value of its group companies being wiped off in five weeks, Adani Group needs a third-party audit of accounts to allay fears of shareholders even though the concern over group debt may be 'overstated,' a proxy advisory firm said.

"An independent third party confirmation of its accounts would go a long way in establishing and restoring credibility," according to report by SES.

Adani said to plan to repay $790-mn. debt

Reuters
HONG KONG

India's Adani Group plans to prepay or repay share-backed loans worth $690 million to $790 million by March-end, two people with knowledge of the matter told Reuters, as the conglomerate seeks to burnish its credit profile after a short-seller attack.

The plan comes even as the group holds fixed-income roadshows this week in Singapore and Hong Kong to boost investor confidence amid share price falls and a probe.

Adani Green Energy Ltd. also plans to refinance its 2024 bonds via an $800 million, three-year credit line, said the people, who declined to be identified as they were not authorised to speak with media. A group spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

'Fiscal deficit touches 67.8% of FY23 target at end of Jan.'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Central government's fiscal deficit touched 67.8% of the full-year target at the end of January due to higher expenses and lower revenue realisation, according to official data.

The fiscal deficit in the comparable period of 2021-22 was 58.9% of that year's Revised Estimate (RE) in the Budget. For the full year 2022-23, the government expects the deficit at ₹17.55 lakh crore, or 6.4% of the GDP.

Pricol board ready to fend off hostile bids

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

Pricol has put in place multiple measures to fend off any possible hostile-takeover attempts, said Vikram Mohan, MD of Pricol.

"We will also take strategic measures in the future, if needed," Mr. Mohan said in an interview.

Competitor Minda Corporation had recently acquired 15.7 % stake in Pricol in the open market.

'War chest ready'

"We have created a war chest and kept it ready," he said. Promoters hold 37% with no immediate plans to raise the stake. The focus remains on strengthening the balance sheet, technology and market.

Vikram Mohan

He said Pricol was investing about 4.5% of sales in product and process technology a year. It would spend ₹600 crore over 8-10 quarters on greenfield and brownfield projects.

'Offer cover for those with disabilities, mental illness'

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Regulator IRDAI has directed general and standalone health insurers to offer specific health cover for persons with disabilities as well as those with HIV/AIDS and mental illness.

Advising them to have a board-approved underwriting policy towards ensuring that no proposal from such persons is denied on account of their disabilities or illness, IRDAI said the insurers ought to mandatorily introduce the products immediately.

SEBI bars 21 entities in Axis MF case

Reuters
MUMBAI

India's market regulator issued interim orders in a case of alleged front-running at Axis Mutual Fund, while issuing show cause orders to the mutual fund and related entities.

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) directed that 21 entities be barred from the capital markets until further orders.

It identified ₹305 million as wrongful gains accrued due to the alleged front-running and directed that this amount be impounded from the entities. SEBI has not passed any directions against the fund house and its operations will not be impacted by it.

"Viresh Joshi, the then chief dealer of Axis MF, was observed to have traded in different securities ahead of the impending orders placed on behalf of the big client (Axis Mutual Fund)," SEBI said.

'Indian paint sector to hit ₹1 lakh cr. sales by 2027/28'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Indian paint industry is set to cross ₹1 lakh crore in sales by 2027/28 from the current ₹75,000 crore clocking a compounded annual growth rate of 9-10%, said a senior Nippon Paint India official.

"Though there is no volume growth, the industry has grown in value," said Mahesh Anand, president, Nippon Paint India (Decorative Paint). "However, we expect the industry to turn around in the next four to five months."

UCO Bank eyes profit of ₹2,500 cr. in FY24

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Kolkata-based UCO Bank said it has set a profit target of ₹2,500 crore for FY24, enthused by this year's performance.

Profit by December had touched ₹1,296 crore against the FY23 target of ₹1,500 crore, MD and CEO Soma Sankara Prasad said in an interview.

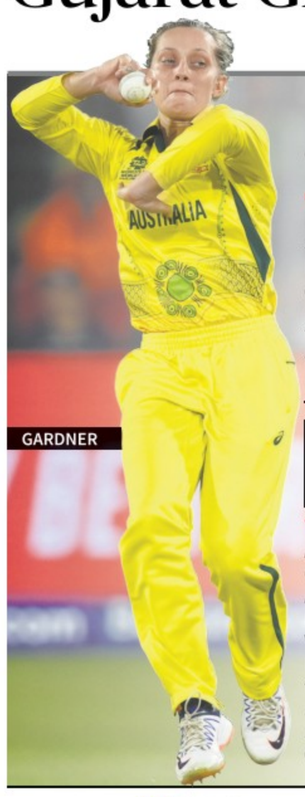
"We are confident we will overshoot our profit target for the year." The repo rate increase had aided in the improvement of net interest margin.

Mr. Prasad further said, to improve profitability and bring down the operational cost, the bank would set up 43 digital banking units (DBUs) across India.

He said the bank was exploring an outsourcing model to cut staff cost. "We are looking at deploying temp staff for routine tasks. This will significantly reduce employee cost."

Sport

Gujarat Giants betting on compelling Australian presence



Impact Player

Gardner's all-round skills and red hot form augur well for Giants

- The Aussie can float in the batting order. She can hit hard. She can bowl her off-spin in the PowerPlay. She can bowl at the death. She is just about as complete a package as you can get in T20 cricket. At ₹3.2 crore, she was the joint most expensive overseas buy at the auction – for a reason

GUJARAT GIANTS

THE DUGOUT

Ashleigh Gardner, Beth Mooney, Georgia Wareham, Sneh Rana, Annabel Sutherland, Deandra Dottin, Sophia Dunkley, Sushma Verma, Tanuja Kanwer, Harleen Deol, Ashwani Kumari, D. Hemalatha, Mansi Joshi, Monica Patel, S. Meghana, Hurley Gala, Parunika Sisodia and Shabnam Shakil.
Coach: Rachael Haynes

THE SCHEDULE

March 4: vs Mumbai Indians (D.Y. Patil)
March 5: Up Warriorz (D.Y. Patil)
March 8: Royal Challengers Bangalore (Brabourne)
March 11: Delhi Capitals (D.Y. Patil)
March 14: Mumbai Indians (Brabourne)
March 16: Delhi Capitals (Brabourne)
March 18: Royal Challengers (Brabourne)
March 20: UP Warriorz (Brabourne)

WPL COUNTDOWN

P.K. Ajith Kumar

The coach is an Australian. The team's two biggest buys are Aussies. And, there are another two from Down Under.

But then, Gujarat Giants just went for the best players at the auction. And Australia happens to be, by some distance, the best women's cricket team on the planet. The latest proof of that came on Sunday at Cape Town, where Australia won its sixth Women's T20 World Cup.

No other team in the WPL has as strong an Australian flavour. The Giants, in fact, spent ₹5.2 crore –nearly half its purse – on two Australian stars. When you look at the quality and current form of the duo, you may not actually want to call it overspending. Ashleigh Gardner was named best player of the T20 World Cup in South Africa, while Beth Mooney was player of the final.

Mooney is a phenomenal batter. She is remarkably consistent, averaging 52.45 in ODIs and 40.51 in T20Is. Not many can pace an innings the way she does; case in point being the innings on the slow track in the World Cup final.

A day after her heroics, Mooney was named the Giants captain. Joining her in the batting line-up are the West Indies' most capped woman international Deandra Dottin, Sophia Dunkley from England and the Indian pair of S. Meghana and D. Hemalatha.

Dottin, who – as if taking a cue from some of the male Caribbean players – has retired from international cricket but continues to appear in leagues across the world, is a ferocious hitter and handy with her seam bowling.

The team has also roped in another overseas seaming all-rounder in the form of Annabel Sutherland.

Indian spinning all-rounders Sneh Rana and Harleen Deol will have crucial roles to play. Australian leg-spinner Georgia Wareham is another option in the slow-bowling department, which looks quite strong.

Crowning glory: Anupama, left, and Mithun.

Anupama and Mithun emerge champions

BADMINTON

Press Trust of India
PUNE

Former junior World No. 1 Anupama Upadhyaya and Mithun Manjunath notched up contrasting wins to secure the women's and men's singles titles here on Tuesday.

The results (finals): Men: Mithun Manjunath bt Priyanshu Rajawat 21-16, 21-11. **Doubles:** S. Kushal Raj & S. Prakash Raj bt Akshan Shetty & Deep Rambiya 8-21, 21-19, 21-8.
Women: Anupama Upadhyaya bt Aakarshi Kashyap 20-22, 21-17, 24-22. **Doubles:** Gayatri Gopichand & Treesa Jolly bt Kavya Gupta & Deepshikha Singh 21-10, 21-9. **Mixed doubles:** T. Hemanagendra & Kanika Kanwal bt Siddarth Elango & Khushi Gupta 21-17, 21-16.

FINDING THE KEY

Onus on skipper Smith as another spin challenge awaits Aussies

"It [captaincy] has come under difficult circumstances," Australia stand-in skipper Smith said on Tuesday. "Things haven't gone to plan. We have not consolidated from good positions. It's pretty dry (the pitch), I dare say it will take some reasonable spin. The key is sticking to our plans and methods for long periods of time."

HONOURS EVEN

West Indies fights back after Markram returns with a bang

Aiden Markram hit a century (115) on his return to Test cricket, but the West Indies restricted South Africa to 314 for eight on the first day of the first Test at Centurion on Tuesday.
The scores: South Africa 314/8 in 82 overs (Dean Elgar 71, Aiden Markram 115, Alzarri Joseph 3/60) vs West Indies. **Toss:** SA.

AGONISING WAIT

Bumrah likely to miss IPL and WTC final if India qualifies

Indian pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah is set to miss IPL 2023 after given the option of undergoing back surgery, reported ESPNCricinfo on Tuesday. He could also miss the ICC World Test Championship (if India qualifies), from June 7 at The Oval. A final decision is expected to be taken soon by BCCI in coordination with NCA and Bumrah.

WINNERS

Messi and Putellas chosen best players at FIFA awards

Lionel Messi won the FIFA best men's player prize for 2022 on the back of his World Cup triumph with Argentina and Spain's Alexia Putellas retained the women's award at a ceremony in Paris on Monday. It is the second time that Messi has won the honour inaugurated by FIFA in 2016.

India will look to exploit the self-doubts plaguing Australia

The visitors have been obsessed with the nature of the surface and veered off from their time-tested methods with disastrous consequences; Team India yet to take a call on Rahul/Gill conundrum

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

S. Dinakar
INDORE

From the broad glass panes of the press box, the sight of Australian cricketers surrounding the pitch for a closer look when the covers were removed briefly, was all too familiar.

In this edition of the Border-Gavaskar series, the Australians have been obsessed with the nature of the surface and veered off from their time-tested methods with disastrous consequences. The demon of self-doubt has been Australia's biggest scourge. With the wily Steve Smith at the helm now, can the visitors turn the corner mentally?

Dry pitch

The predominantly dry, black-soil pitch with a smattering of red, should encourage spin when the third Test gets underway at the Holkar Stadium here on Wednesday. Leading 2-0 in the four Test series, India will go for the kill.

The Indians left the choice of Rohit's opening partner – either the out-of-form K.L. Rahul or the red hot Shubman Gill – up the air. The in-form Gill should play.

Not surprisingly, much focus will be on R. Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja.

Still in the air: Even though the team management is yet to take a call on his inclusion, Gill makes sure he is match-ready. R.V. MOORTHY

Ashwin's run-up and release have rhythm, with his hip drive and the manner in which he pivots being major factors. Although a finger spinner, Ashwin employs both his wrist and fingers to create a variety of deliveries.

The one that goes through straight and the delivery that hangs in the air and then drifts away combine with deadly effect with his off-spinners. There is flight, deception and venom.

On these surfaces, Jadeja's quicker-through-the-air variety – he uses the crease capably – is potent. Vicious turn and bounce with the arm-ball slipped in between have fetched Jadeja a whopping 17 wickets so far. Ashwin has 14.

And, India's batting depth has provided the runs for the spin duo to attack.

Good news

For Australia, Mitchell Starc's return is good news; left-arm seamers have traditionally troubled India. Starc will also create the rough for off-spinners Nathan Lyon and Todd Murphy to exploit.

Fit again, pace-bowling all-rounder Cameron Green gives Australia the option of playing an additional bowler or a batter. Whatever be the combination, Australia needs to display resilience. It is the lack of faith in their defensive skills on these pitches that has seen the Aussies going for fatal strokes.

Unable to pick the length, their footwork has been impacted adversely. The Australians should explore the possibility of playing a lot more off the back-foot and meeting the ball late to frustrate the Indian spinners.

The batters can crouch a little in their stance and shorten their backlift to counter the low bounce and give themselves a lot more time to negate the turning ball off their back-foot. This will open up more scoring areas too.

Playing with soft hands in defence and not going hard at the ball is the key with the close catchers smelling the bat. And, when they go forward, front-of-the-wicket drives and flicks should be employed.

The sweep shot is a tactical weapon, and has to be employed judiciously.

Much depends on Smith and Marnus Labuchangne. Ashwin and Jadeja will have other ideas.

The teams (from):

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Shubman Gill, K.L. Rahul, Cheteshwar Pujara, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, K.S. Bharat (wk), Axar Patel, Ravindra Jadeja, R. Ashwin, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Umesh Yadav, Jaydev Unadkat, Suryakumar Yadav, Kuldeep Yadav, Ishan Kishan (wk).

Australia: Steve Smith (Capt.), Usman Khawaja, Travis Head, Marnus Labuschagne, Peter Handscomb, Cameron Green, Alex Carey (wk), Mitchell Starc, Nathan Lyon, Todd Murphy, Matthew Kuhnemann, Scott Boland, Matt Renshaw and Lance Morris.

Umpires: Nitin Menon and Richard Kettleborough; **TV umpire:** Joel Wilson; **Fourth umpire:** J. R. Madanagopal; **Match referee:** Chris Broad.

Play starts at 9.30 a.m.

Don't read too much into Rahul's removal as vice-captain, says Rohit

S. Dinakar
INDORE

Rohit Sharma is looking beyond the ongoing Test series.

The India captain said on Tuesday that if India won the Test here to take a winning 3-0 lead in the series, the fourth Test at Ahmedabad could be played on a green, seamer-friendly track to prepare the team for the final of the World Test Championship to be played in England.

Looking ahead

Rohit said, "There is definitely a possibility of that. We have already spoken about it. We need to get the guys ready for it. The important one is Shardul Thakur, because he comes into the planning for us.

"If we play Australia in England, it will be a different ball game for both the teams."

Rohit said, "After the last WTC cycle, the way we played in certain conditions has been remarkable. Home conditions too have been challenging."

Rohit said his team needed the break after the two Tests. "Coming back, we feel refreshed."

On the out-of-form K.L. Rahul's removal as vice-captain, Rohit said, "Players who are going through a tough time, given their potential, will be given enough time to prove themselves. Being vice-captain or otherwise doesn't tell you anything."

Far-sighted: Rohit says India should be prepared for the 'definite possibility' of playing the WTC final. R.V. MOORTHY

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Rohit, who revealed he liked naming the eleven at the toss, was pleased with India's batting depth that gave a cushion to the side's top and middle-order.

On playing on these pitches, Rohit said, "I played 200 balls in Nagpur and never felt settled. One ball grips or keeps low and you are out. What happened to the Australians [losing wickets in clusters] can happen to us too. We cannot take things lightly. We got to keep the discipline going."

Rohit was all praise for R. Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja, even as the Aussies have talked about attempting to slow the game down.

"We have hustled them, not given them time to think. Jadeja is so quickly back to his mark that sometimes I too have problems moving a fielder before the next ball is bowled."

Rohit and the Indians have been on the ball.

New Zealand pulls off incredible one-run win after following on

ENGLAND IN NZ

Agence France-Presse
WELLINGTON

New Zealand beat England by one run in a second-Test thriller to draw the series in the most dramatic fashion here on Tuesday. The hosts made a slice of history in becoming only the fourth team in 146 years of Test cricket to win after being asked to follow on.

Neil Wagner took the decisive wicket of James Anderson when New Zealand wicketkeeper Tom Blundell pulled off a diving catch to seal a memorable, nail-biting triumph.

The home side had fought back to set England a target of 258 runs to win, but the visitors were all out for 256 as a gripping two-Test series finished 1-1. It was only the second time in Tests that a side has won by one run, matching the West Indies which beat Australia by the same margin at Adelaide in 1993.

Defining moment: New Zealand players run in to celebrate as Blundell takes the catch to dismiss Anderson, England's last wicket. AP

SCOREBOARD

England — 1st innings: 435/8 decl.
New Zealand — 1st innings: 209.
New Zealand — 2nd innings: 483.
England — 2nd innings: Zak Crawley b Southee 24, Ben Duckett c Blundell b Henry 33, Ollie Robinson c Bracewell b Southee 2, Ollie Pope c Latham b Wagner 14, Joe Root c Bracewell b Wagner 95, Harry Brook run out 0, Ben Stokes c Latham b Wagner 33, Ben Foakes c Wagner b Southee 35, Stuart Broad c Wagner b Henry 11, Jack Leach (not out) 1, James Anderson c Blundell b Wagner 4; Extras (lb-1, nb-1, w-2): 4; Total (in 74.2 overs): 256.
Fall of wickets: 1-39, 2-53, 3-59, 4-80, 5-80, 6-201, 7-202, 8-215, 9-251.
New Zealand bowling: Southee 20.1-5-45-3, Henry 21.5-3-75-2, Bracewell 17-2-73-0, Wagner 15.2-0-62-4.
PoM: Kane Williamson; *New Zealand won by one run*; Series drawn 1-1.

Five other fantastic finishes

A look at some nail-biting Tests:

1993, Adelaide:
West Indies beat Australia by one run. Curtly Ambrose bowled the West Indies to victory after Australia had rallied from 74 for seven. Ambrose had last man Craig McDermott caught behind with the Aussies needing just two runs to complete a series win. The result meant that West Indies preserved its record of not losing a Test series in 13 years.

1999, Barbados:
West Indies beat Australia by one wicket. Two months after West Indies was whitewashed 0-5 in South Africa, Brian Lara produced one of his greatest Test innings. West Indies, chasing a target of 308, collapsed to 105 for five when Lara's breathtaking 153 not out inspired a remarkable win. No. 11 Courtney Walsh survived five balls as West Indies scored a dramatic win. The series ended 2-2.

2005, Edgbaston:
England beat Australia by two runs. England had not won the Ashes since 1986/87 and was set to go 0-2 down in the five-match series. Australia slumped to 137 for seven in pursuit of 282 when the visitors' tail wagged. Steve Harmison had No. 11 Michael Kasprowicz caught down the leg-side by wicketkeeper Geraint Jones to trigger celebrations in the England camp. It later emerged that the ball had brushed Kasprowicz's glove with his hand off the bat. With no reviews available, there were few complaints about the tough call umpire Billy Bowden had to make in real time. The Edgbaston Test was rated by many as the greatest match of the greatest Test series of them all. England retained the Ashes with a 2-1 win.

2019, Durban:
Sri Lanka beat South Africa by one wicket. Sri Lanka was 226 for nine, chasing 304, when Kusal Perera's sensational unbeaten 153 took it home. Kusal added 78 with Vishwa Fernando for the unbroken final wicket. The Lankans went on to win the series and became the first Asian side to win in South Africa.

2019, Headingley:
England beat Australia by one wicket. Ben Stokes produced an extraordinary innings as England snatched victory from the jaws of defeat. Stokes' unbeaten 135 took the Englishmen, reeling at 286 for nine, to the target of 359, their highest-ever chase then. Jack Leach (1 not out) was involved in an unbroken last-wicket stand of 76 with Stokes. Australia, however, retained the Ashes after the series ended 2-2.

Dazzling duo: Kamani and Anupama, India's stars.

India-A wins women's snooker World Cup

Sports Bureau

India-A defeated England-A 4-3 (56-26, 67(51)-27, 41-61, 27-52, 68(34)-11, 55-64, 78-39) in the final of the women's snooker World Cup in Bangkok on Monday.

Represented by Amee Kamani and Anupama Ramachandran, India-A exhibited skill and determination to overcome established players on the tour – 12-time world champion Reanne Evans and current World No. 4 Rebecca Kenna – to lift the title.

"It feels amazing because I started playing snooker in 2011 and this is my first world title," said Kamani. "It feels like magic and all the hard work that I have done has paid off today. I am super happy because I have made my nation proud" she told *womenssnooker.com*.

Anupama said: "I am really happy because this has been my first tournament with World women's snooker and the first couple of days I was finding it hard to adjust to the tables, it was a new environment but I just wanted to enjoy. I have no words!"

INBRIEF

Bengaluru wins a thriller but Calicut makes semifinals

Bengaluru Torpedoes stunned third-placed Calicut Heroes 15-11, 15-11, 13-15, 10-15, 15-14 in the Prime Volleyball League in Kochi on Tuesday. Despite the result, Calicut became the third team to qualify for the semifinals.

Sumit Nagal advances to pre-quarterfinals

Sumit Nagal beati Yasutaka Uchiyama of Japan 7-6(3), 4-6, 6-4 in the first round of the PMR Open $130,000 Challenger tennis tournament in Pune on Tuesday.

Other Indian results: James Duckworth (Aus) bt Prajnesh Gunneswaran 6-7(5), 6-2, 6-3; Maximilian Neuchrist (Aut) bt Arjun Kadhe 6-2, 7-5; Max Purcell bt Mukund Sasikumar 3-6, 6-3, 6-0

Narrow win for CISF in inter-dept. National hockey

Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) narrowly beat Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) 3-2 in the Hockey India senior men's inter-department National championship in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

Other results: Punjab National Bank bt Sashastra Seema Bal 6-0; FCI bt CRPF 3-1; SAI bt Canara Bank 4-0.

Chance to assess players as MP takes on Rest of India

The 2021-22 Ranji Trophy champion is missing key players like Rajat Patidar and Gaurav Yadav while RoI skipper Mayank could use this to get back into the National reckoning

IRANI CUP

S. Dipak Ragav
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Even as India and Australia get ready for the third Test on Wednesday, 500km away from the Holkar Stadium in Indore 22 players will take guard in one of the most prestigious competitions in Indian domestic cricket.

Madhya Pradesh, last year's Ranji Trophy Champions (2021-22), will take on the Rest of India in the 58th Irani Cup tie at the Captain Roop Singh Stadium here.

While India will not play a lot of Tests this year after the current series against Australia, the tie allows selectors to assess players like Rest of India skipper Mayank Agarwal, who topped the run charts with 990 runs.

The Karnataka opener was dropped from the national side last year and has since found form in domestic cricket. A good performance here could bring him back in contention for the World Test Championship final, if India qualifies, and the two Tests in West Indies later in the year.

Golden opportunity: Mulani gets a look-in after leg-spinner Mayank Markande's injury. FILE PHOTO: EMMANUAL YOGINI

Meanwhile, left-arm spinner Shams Mulani has replaced leg-spinner Mayank Markande, who injured his finger during training on Monday.

The contest will be a stern test for Madhya Pradesh, especially with the absence of a few key players like top-order bat Rajat Patidar and pacer Gaurav Yadav. Speaking ahead of the match, MP coach Chandrakant Pandit said, "Though we lost in the semifinals this year, for the players, it is another chance to get a trophy. The Irani Cup doesn't come often, and the boys realise how big a game this is."

The prestigious match comes when domestic players are gearing up for the IPL, but Rest India of India coach Shitanshu Kotak feels players are professional enough to give their best.

"They want to do well and know the selectors are watching. They have enough time to prepare for the IPL after this," said Kotak.

The squads: Madhya Pradesh: Himanshu Mantri (capt., wk), Yash Dubey, Harsh Gawli, Shubham Sharma, Akshat Raghuvanshi, Aman Solanki, Kumar Kartikeya, Saransh Jain, Avesh Khan, Ankit Kushwah, Anubhav Agarwal, Mihir Hirwani, Aryan Deshmukh, Arham Aqueel, and Aryan Pandey.

Rest of India: Mayank Agarwal (capt.), Sudip Kumar Gharami, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Abhimanyu Easwaran, Harvik Desai, Mukesh Kumar, Atit Sheth, Chetan Sakariya, Navdeep Saini, Upendra Yadav (wk), Shams Mulani, Saurabh Kumar, Akash Deep, B. Indrajith, Pulkit Narang, and Yash Dhull.

SNAPSHOTS

Bonding time: The RCB squad that assembled in Bengaluru on Tuesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

RCB women's team convenes in Bengaluru

Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) welcomed South Africa captain Dane van Niekerk and Australia's Erin Burns to its training camp in Bengaluru, ahead of the 2023 Women's Premier League. The team convened at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Tuesday under the watchful eyes of Head Coach Ben Sawyer and other coaching staff, ahead of its travel to Mumbai. Poonam Khemnar, Komal Zanzad, Indrani Roy, Kanika Ahuja, Preeti Bose and Asha Shobana also were part of the training.

India suffers 10th straight loss

Saudi Arabia beat India 71-60 in the sixth and final window of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 Asian Qualifiers, at the Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium in Bengaluru on Monday. It was India's tenth loss in as many outings and brings to an end its qualifying campaign.

The result: Saudi Arabia 71 (Mohammed Alsuwailem 27, Mathna Almarwani 17, Khalid M. Abdel Gabar 10) bt India 60 (M. Arvind Kumar 24, Prashant Singh Rawat 10).

Santosh Trophy semis promise intense contests

Eight-time champion Punjab and six-time winner Services will take on Meghalaya and Karnataka in the semifinals respectively as the National men's football championship for the Santosh Trophy finds a new locale in Riyadh on Wednesday.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Vidyashilp Academy to meet School of India

School of India will take on Vidyashilp Academy in the final of the BTR Shield (Group I) under-14 second division tournament.

The scores (semifinals): School of India 171 in 49 overs (Sreearjun Balusu 33, Ayaan Muhammad 31, Jayeesh Kumaresan 36 n.o., Sunny Kanchi 3/32) bt St. Francis School, ICSE 97 in 27.1 overs (Satayiu Chakraborty 28, Siddharth Kona 6/25, Sreearjun Balusu 3/22).

Sri R.V. School, Kolar 142/9 in 50 overs (G.S. Monith 59, Om Agarwalla 3/36) lost to Vidyashilp Academy 143/4 in 25.2 overs (Krish Singh Dhami 39, Panshul Sharma 34, Ahan Kaushik 28 n.o., M.S. Dharun Varsh 3/41).

CFC in last four

Chennaiyin FC thrashed Kerala United FC 9-0 to qualify for the semifinals of the Stafford Cup football tournament here on Tuesday.

The results: Chennaiyin FC 9 (Joseph Lalvenhima 22, N. Niketh 41, Vipul Velayudhan 45-og, Moirangthem Givson Singh 51, S. Senthamil 66, 90+3, R. Solaimalai 73, Chris Anthoy White 82, Rahul Manjula 90) bt Kerala United FC 0; Kickstart 3 (Muzamiri Abdullah 45+3, 58, Finto 63) bt ARA FC 1 (Nanro Hari Shrestha 90+6); Kenkre FC 1 (Jay Bhavnani 42) bt Bengaluru FC 0; Delhi FC 3 (Gaurav Rawat 48, Fahad Temuri 74, Ajay Singh 81) bt Sreenidi Deccan FC 2 (Vineeth Kumar Velmurugan 46, Aditya Tomor 87).

Ankita moves up

Third seed Ankita Raina eased past Japan's Erika Sema 6-4, 6-1 to enter the second round of the PBI-CSE ITF 25K Open on Tuesday. Wildcard Shrivalli Rashmikaa Bhamidipathy was beaten by Japan's Misaki Matsuda 6-4, 6-1.

TCS 10K registrations from today

The 15th edition of Tata Consultancy Services World 10K Bengaluru is set to be held on May 21. Registrations for the event will begin from March 1. The event will also have a virtual app-run, exclusively on the TCS World 10K app. For registrations, visit: *https://tcsworld10k.procam.in*.

LIVE TELECAST

India vs Australia: 3rd Test, day 1, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.

Bangladesh vs England: 1st ODI, FanCode, 11.30 a.m.

South Africa vs West Indies: 1st Test, day 2, FanCode, 1.30 p.m.

I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 2 & 7 p.m.

PVL: Sony Sports 1, 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 p.m.

Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 a.m. (Thursday)

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It is no longer politically incorrect to criticise the Indian women's team

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

Heads of government and sports teams have the luxury of a 'honeymoon period' when there is greater tolerance of failure, and the media (and public) are not as harsh on them as they might otherwise be.

The Indian women's cricket team - a wonderfully talented bunch - has had an extended honeymoon period, their individual and collective achievements highlighted and their obvious drawbacks glossed over.

In the latter category are fitness issues and their impact on the field of play. India's running between wickets in the recent World T20 was abysmal as was their catching.

India made too many fundamental errors like not running the first run fast and not grounding the bat and sliding it into the crease. When skipper Harmanpreet Kaur was run out after a brilliant innings that looked like taking India home, she put it down to bad luck as her bat got stuck on the turf.

Not bad luck

It was not bad luck. It was poor training, poor fitness, poor match awareness. Her opponent Alyssa Healy said she "cruised back (for the second run) and probably could have gone past the crease an extra two metres if she put in the effort."

That Harmanpreet virtually walked from hospital to play the match is commendable, but fitness for the team as a whole was a problem throughout the tournament.

When Ellyse Perry dived near the boundary line, and in one action both prevented the ball from going over and flicked it towards a colleague, she showed up India's fielding.

India dropped three catches – perhaps playing the fitter, more focused Australian women shone a sharper light on the weaknesses in India's game.

Indian women's cricket has reached a stage where "Tough luck, ladies," no longer cuts it. "Why did this happen? Where were the coaches? Why weren't the obvious problems noticed earlier and corrected?" are the more useful responses. There has to be accountability. It is no longer politically incorrect to criticise the Indian women's cricket team!

Cracking the whip

There are important lessons for India from this defeat. Former player Diana Edulji has spoken of cracking the whip (she put it more colourfully, saying, "they need absolute *danda*"). She has pointed out that it is time for a fully professional support team, and not necessarily one borrowed from the National Cricket Academy.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India is pumping money into women's cricket, and fans deserve professionalism on and off the field.

There was a point when Harmanpreet and Jemimah were batting together against Australia when the run rate was 9.3, a whole run ahead of the required rate. To chase 172 with such confidence and flair speaks of a world class team, but not necessarily a champion team. Champion teams don't think that luck plays such an important role. Champion teams counter unluck with professionalism and greater focus on winning. Like Australia did.

There is too a superficially attractive theory in T20 cricket that reducing the number of dot-balls is somehow crucial. We shouldn't have so many dot-balls when batting, said the skipper after losing to England where the Indian batters had 51 of them. But this is a false connection. Australia had 49 dot-balls in the final where they beat South Africa. When you lose a match by five runs as India did in the semifinal against Australia, the might-have-beens are incalculable.

It is not the number of dot-balls that matter, but how many you score of the non-dot ones (you could finish with a total of 120, for example, without a single dot ball).

Iron out the snags

With the arrival of the Women's Premier League (WPL) this week, India's players get a chance to iron out some of their snags while playing alongside the best players from around the world. This, even if the men haven't won a World T20 after the IPL began 14 years ago.

A quick calculation shows that the eleven women who played the World T20 semifinal attracted ₹18.65 crore at the WPL auction; add Pooja Vastrakar to that list and the earnings top ₹20 crore.

That can work both ways. Either it can tighten the women's individual games, making each player conscious of her responsibility towards fitness and teamwork, or it can lead to a situation where the top players are easily satisfied and forget that what you earn is directly related to how you perform.

At any rate, there are interesting days ahead. The honeymoon period is definitely over.

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